These inquiries resulted from the publication of an erroneous statement, to the effect that the department has really decided to appoint such officers. Congress provided in two separate appropriations \$40,000 to defray the expenses of the handling or inspection of imports from abroad for exhibition at the World's Fair.

The Director General of the Fair wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury recently and inquired what action the department had taken in reference to this matter. The Secretary of the Treasury stated to-day that he has taken no action in this matter and is not likely to do so for some time.

### THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE. Pennsylvania Press Opinious Upon the Offi-

cial Acts of Each. ALTONA Tribune: Our Governor displays: fine flowing style in his veto messages. Corr Hyer: Governor Pattison has wisely concluded to knock out the namby-pamby

consense enacted into a road law. MEADVILLE Messenger: Pattison's veto of the road bill causes the Grange to shake each other by the hand and shout, "Hurrah LANCASTER Intelligencer: The Governor sur-prises us with a veto of the road bill, and the

reasons which he assigns, while numerous do not seem to us to be strong. Unionrows Democral: Governor Pattison's recommendation that the "direct tax money" be used for the payment of State bonds is an eminently proper one, and will meet with the approval of all thinking peo-

PHILLIPSBURG Wage-Karner: The natural and proper disposition of the tax returned is to use it toward the extinguishment of the debt which it caused. In this way it goes to pay the expenses of the generation which raised the money now restored to the State. Your Gazette: The butchery of the Baker bill by the Republican bosses compels pro-vision for a Constitutional Convention for ballot reform, or else the abandonment of all pretense of redeeming the guarded and qualified pledge of the Republican State

WELLSBORO Agitator: If the Senators sup pose that the passage of such a law (the amended Baker bill) will satisfy the people they are badly mistaken. It will be safer for the responsible Republican majority to defeat the bill utterly rather than pass it as mended by the committee.

Hollidaysburg Standard: The return of the

lirect tax money is much the same to the people of Pennsylvania as if they had found it; and the Governor, in devising the only appropriate use for it, was doubtless mindul of the adage that found treasure is more

DUBOIS Courier: Governor Pattison is truly a politician of a new order. He slips into office at times when an every-day Democrat would not have a particle of show to do likewise, and when he gets there he puts aside the Mugwump pretensions that captivate certain elements and takes on nothing unbecoming to dyed-in-the-wool Democracy.

Enra Times: The local authorities are the pest judges of what should be done to improve the roads of their respective districts, and it must have been apparent to most peo ple that the proposed appropriation, although a liberal one, when spread out over the thousands of miles of country road in this large State, would not have been suf-

nent anywhere. READING Times: The Legislature has done considerable tinkering at the license law at this session, but thus far without material result. The present license law might be modified in various particulars to advanage, but it is doubtful whether such modifi-ations could be effected as yet, though this is no reason why impracticable and nonsen-sical alterations should be made, merely for

the sake of change. as amended become a law, secrecy in voting, which is so much desired, would be de-stroyed and the unscrupulous heeler would ermitted to ply his infamous calling with even greater effect than under the present system. Had the most degraded of ballot thieves been permitted to operate on the Baker bill it could not have been given

a more corrupt appearance. ion and shifting a fair part of the heavy burden from overweighted farmers to en riched corporations is as badly needed as a measure to insure some security to the voter that not only will his ballot be counted as sion of his own instead of his employer's manded, and upon his pledge to use every effort to effect these reforms Governor Pattison was elected. The issues were sharply

The Grand Mistake of Columbus Tork Age.]

The Italian Government thinks the covery of America by Columbus was a blunder of the first magnitude, and to em-phasize that opinion it has decided that it will take no part in the celebration at Genoa next year or in our Columbian Exposition in

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Oliver Wheeler died on Wednesday in Ashley, Mass., at the age of 96 years. Mr. Wheeler was a member of Captain Oliver Kendall's company

was a member of Captain Gliver Kendall's company in that town, which served with the militia who were called out during the War of 1812 to resist the expected invasion of the British at the time of the bombardment of Castine, His father, John Wheeler, and his uncle, Amos Wheeler, were members of Wyman's company, which fought in the redoubt at Bunker Hill. Mr. Wheeler was the oldest member of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Obituary Notes. HON. ELIJAH LEONARD, member of the Canaan Senate, is dead.

Social Chatter.

REV. DR. A. L. PETTY lectured lest evenir for the Epworth League of the Arch Streem. E. Church. Subject, "Oliver Cromwell INGHAM SMITH, the oldest man in Doylestown as found dead in bed Wednesday. He was 91 ears old. REV. R. E. FIELD, one of the most suc lergymen in the West, and pastor of a church in Theyenne, Wyo., dropped dead Wednesday hight WILLIAM WALKER, colored, the oldest inhabitant of Lancaster county, died of old age, Wednesday evening, in Lancaster, Deceased was in the 10th year of his age.

JOHN B. CHAMBERS, one of the most prominent

of Allegheny citizens, died yesterday morning at his home on Beaver avenue, aged 73 years. He was formerly a well-known contractor. MAJOR GEORGE B. ERATH, a ploneer Texan, and

the man who surveyed the site for the city of Waco, lied in that city Thursday. Major Erath was born in Vienna, Austria, January 1, 1813. ROBERT BRUCE, Jr., the merchandise broker, died yerterday morning at his home on Amberson avenue, East End, at the age of 75 years. His funeral will occur to-morrow afternoon from Cal-vary Church. J. P. WINOVER, President of the Lancaster

School Board, deed we declary in his assiyer. He was a leading member of the Kights of Pythias and Junior Order of American Mechanics. He was a large owner of Lancaster real estate. JAY S. BUTLEH, a newspaper writer of considerable ability, died in Asheville, N. C., of consumption, Wednesday night. He has been connected with newspapers in Eric, Elmira, Buffalo, New York City and other places.

REV. DR. FRANCIS NICOLL ZABRISKE, a Dutch

aformed Church clergyman in New York, and a ominent theologian, died of heart trouble Wed-sday. He was known as the author of many re-lous pamphiets and as a correspondent of several LIEUTENANT COLONEL EUGENE K. COURTNEY,

cierk at division headquarters of the Soldiers'Home in Bath, died Wednesday evening from heart trouble, aged about 46 years. He had a wide acquaintance with military men of this and other countries, and was an acknowledged authority on truly affairs. REV. WALTER L. HUFFMAN, one of the oldest and best known Methodist ministers in the country, tied at Peru. Ind., resterday, aged 75 years. He associated many important ecclesiastical postons. He had, during its ministry of 34 years, peromed 1,300 marriage ecremonies and presided at 500 functures.

JOHN WALTON, the oldest railroad man in New

JOHN WALTON, the oldest rairoad man in New Jersey, died Thursday at his home in Elizabeth, aged 80. Mr. Walton entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad in its infancy in 1834, and helped to construct the road between New Bruns-wick, and Jersey City. Mr. Walton served the Pennsylvania Company for 37 Years and was retired

OUR MAIL POUCH.

Mine Law Criticised.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: I have read the report of the com several times in your paper. There is one feature of the bill that I have not seen, to which I would like to call your attention.

Article X requires that the Inspectors Examining Board shall "immediately after the examination furnish each person who comes examination furnish each person who comes before said Examining Board to be examined a copy of all questions, whether oral or written, which were given at the examination on printed slips of paper and to be marked solved right, imperfect or wrong, as the case may be." Also, "the manuscript and other papers of all applicants, together with all tally sheets and the solution of each question as given by the Examining Board, shall be filed with the Secretary of Internal Affairs," etc. This is right. The applicant knows how his answers were rated and the correct solution of each question.

Now let us look at article XV (Examination of Mine Foremen and Superintendents). The members must have "passed an examination and obtained a certificate of competency," etc. No need of this to sit on Inspectors' Examination Board! No need of returning answers and correct solution to mine foreman and superintendent! They should not be allowed to even know why

nine foreman and superintendent! The hould not be allowed to even know wh should not be allowed to even know why
they are granted or refused a certificate.
The superintendent must have had "at least
five years' practical experience in and about
bituminous coal mines of the Commonwealth." It has been openly asserted by
the friends of this bill that this is intended
to "knock out" the civil engineers acting as
superintendents. The superintendent is not
even allowed a "time certificate." The bill
is presented as one for the miner, yet he and
the operator are practically "shut out" from
all influence with the board giving the certificate to mine foreman and superintendent.

dent.

If a careful reading of the tenth and fifteenth articles of this act (House bill 518does
not disclose some abnormally developed
reptiles I do not know where they are to be
found.

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GREENSBURG, May 15.

The Hole to Crawl Out At.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: I see by The Dispatch of the 13th that the Elections Committee are looking for a "hole to crawl out at." After a few more such bad breaks as the present Legislature has made on the Baker reform ballot bill and the "hole to crawl into." It is just such political shystering as this Legislature has been guilty

shystering as this Legislature has been guilty of this session that caused the people of Kansas to make them hunt their holes last fall, and it is just what the great industrial people of the State of Pennsylvania are going to do with them.

There is but one "hole for them to crawl out at," and that is to pass the Australian ballot law pure and simple. It is the law that all honest, patriotic people want, and the law they will have. The days of the political lords are numbered. It is folly to expect that "history will reverse itself" by expecting any honest sympathy or relief from a class of men that have been so long in power that they have arrogated to them. selves the sole right to rule. The history of no nation on earth records a single instance where rulers have honestly sought to correct their wrong acts. Nothing but a cleaning out of the whole herd of political muckerers that now constitute our law-making bodies will give the relief the people demand. Civilization is progressing rapidly. The great common people are thinking as they never thought before. The rapid accumulation of the wealth of the masses into possession of the few is causing them to investigate the economic questions of the day for the purpose of finding out the causes that are making a few enormously rich and \$60,000,000 people hopelessly poor and homeless. The people will make a hole for them to crawl out at and kick them out.

Finleyville, Pa., May 14.

FINLEYVILLE, PA., May 14.

Another Allegheny Kicker. To the Editor of The Dispatch: The parties who have done nothing but

have some improvements made in way of streets in the Tenth ward and out the Perrysville road, will find themselves taking a trip up Salt river when election comes around again, unless they bestir themselves, for we who own property and live out that way have stood trifling about long enough. The unpaved streets have been impassable all winter. Perrysville road, with broken planks lying in all directions, has been very planks lying in all directions, has been very dangerous to horses and wagons. The plank walk is dangerous to life and limb, at least that portion which has not been monopo-lized by the telegraph and electric poles. Many people have moved off the hill on ac-count of the city's negligence, and we who have to remain will either have some of our rights respected or know the reason who

Too Much Dirt in Allegheny, To the Editor of The Dispatch: I have been reading an article in your valuable paper headed, "Smoke Can be Consumed." The Ladies' Health Protective Association has been doing a good work in in-vestigating the practicability of smoke con-sumption. Dear Mr. Editor, don't you think it would be well while they are at it to sug-gest that our alleys and streets be cleaned of last winter's dirt and filth, and let us have last winter's dirt and fifth, and let us have less dust filling our eyes and lungs? Some of our Allegheny streets have not been cleaned for almost one year. In driving up Federal street to the Perrysville road you can scarcely see your horses for dust. If something is not done before hot weather sets in we will have an epidemic. Of the two, evils the smoke is preferable to the dust and filth that we have to breathe. I hope the indies will give this their attention.

Allegheny, May 15.

A Sufferen.

Mr. Rowbottom's Denial.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: In your paper this morning you state that I broke faith by promising to support Me-Kirdy for Chief of the Department of Public Works. I wish to state that I have never promised to support McKirdy, and defy any-one to produce evidence of the same. Yours,
ALLEGHENY, May 15.

[THE DISPATCH only chronicled the gossip neident to the election, and did not make the statement positively.]

To the Editor of the Dispatch: I have learned lately that Colonel R. G Ingersoll was refused permission to lecture at Pittsburg on Sunday. Would you please nform me where I can procure a copy of the aw preventing such lectures, etc. CANONSBURG, May 15. W. R. M. [He is prevented by a city ordinance. Write to the City Clerk, Pittsburg, Pa., for a

It Puzzles Foreigners. To the Editor of The Dispatch: Which is the most difficult language t learn, German or English, and which has the most words? J. H. EAST LIVERPOOL, May 14. (Linguists claim that English is far more difficult than the German. The English lan guage certainly contains the largest number of words.)

copy.]

Write to One Who Advertises To the Editor of The Disputch: Can you inform me what the prices of the consulting chemists of the city are, or wher could get a schedule of prices? A. A. C. Pittsburg, May 15.

Who Can Oblige Him? To the Editor of the Disnatch: Would you please inform me where an or

ganization meets in this city by the name of Washington or National Cadets. Pittsburg, May 15. Subscribes. He Never Was.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Was Roscoe Conkling ever President of th United States for any length of time? Weens' Run, May 15. Sunscar

THE STORY TOLD IN PIGURES.

the Strike Began.

Connellsville Courier. The strike began February 10. The follo

Record of Coke Shipments by Weeks Sin

dass, dearest?
Husband-You seem to forget that they have to have one eye to see with .- Brooklyn Life.

Freshly (to Miss Autumn, who has just Miss A .- Sir-r-r-r7!!!--Haroard Lampoon,

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PITTSBURG, SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1891. EVIDENTLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. the charter amendments, the Mayor will proceed against the heads of departments, on the ground that they have no title to the offices they hold, is plainly a sensational fabrication. The Mayor is evidently pushing his campaign with a keen | it to be read for her, is pushing discipline adgment and tolerably accurate knowlledge of what he is about. Whatever his motives, it may be taken for granted that

he is not going to gratuitously put himself in the wrong. It happens to be the fact that among the cloud of uncertainties cast over our municinal matters by the last Supreme Court decision, one thing was certainly deter-mined, and that is that the heads of departments hold their positions constitutionally. It was specifically declared that the sections creating these offices were constitutional, though the court left the definition of their powers in a snarl which it would defy any power short of the Legislature, or the Supreme Court itself, to unravel. There may be a large variety of opinions as to the accurate judgment of the court on various matters, but in this in exercising his right of suffrage. respect there can be no question that its decision is binding as being the last word

With the whole issue starting from this decision, we give the Mayor credit for too much intelligence to attack a position which in that very ruling the Supreme

Court sustained.

LAWS AND CORPORATIONS. A very striking illustration of the fact that corporations are like necessity, and the framers of the last street acts, in that they know no law, was afforded by the action of the superintendent of the New York | Constitution can be emasculated to suit elevated roads the other day. A fire oc- the purposes of the politicians and the curred in a building close to the line of its | wishes of the corporations. downtown end. The chief of the fire department pronounced the wall adjoining

dered the running of trains past it to be suspended till the danger was over.

But this did not suit the superintendent of the elevated road. The chief of the principle, to come out in emphatic opposifire department is the authority designated by law to say whether buildings are danperons or not and the police department is the one that is charged with enforcing his judgment. But the railroad superintendent conhimself entitled to overrule the decision of the fire officials and disregard the orders of the police; in pursuance of which policy he declared that the wall was not dangerous and kent on running

his trains in disregard of the orders of the This is a new illustration of the modern theory that corporations are above the law and need not obey it. Any ordinary eltizen, who defied the fire and police authorities in this way, would have brought up in the station house very promptly. The New York Telegram calls for the arrest of this autocratle superintendents but the New York police too well understand the New York principle that laws must courtesy to great corporations, and

THE COMING REPORM. In a private letter to THE DISPATCH Mr. Dwight H. Olmstead, of New York, states The Disparch is correct in supposing that his system of block indexing, which is in successful operation in New York City, is only a preliminary step to complete land transfer reform. He also agrees with THE DISPATCH that to it should be added the valuable features of the Torrens system. "But in my opinion," says Mr. Olmstead, "those valuable features are not the one which chiefly distinguishes that system, namely, State guarantee founded on preliminary examination. The introduction of a system of indefeasible titles has twice been tried in England, and may be said now to be definitely

abandoned there." This indicates a practical agreement between the views on the subject of land transfer reform advanced in these columns and those held by Mr. Olmstead. THE DISPATCH has fully recognized that gentleman as the standard authority for this country on that important subject. It has also conceded the difficulty which he college youth, they are permitted to haze urges, in a country of longer seitlement others, their opposition to the practice will show a commendable enlightenment. solely on preliminary examinations, and said that his suggestion of possessory titles with a statute of limitations may be

much the safer one. But the point on which it has criticised Mr. Olmstead's attitude is that he seems, in his pamphlet on the subject, to be will- as Roswell P. ing to rest for the present on his achievement in getting the preliminary step taken. It may have been well enough to accept that step simply as an entering wedge in New York, where the attempt was first made. But with the whole country waking up to the immense to be secured by a complete land transfer reform, the leader in the movement should be ready to bring forward a matured scheme of Isoislation to secure all three of the leading generally. purposes of the reform, viz: simplification of the work of examining titles, ease of transfer, and such perfection of titles as is

Mr. Olmstead is eminently the man whose knowledge and prominence qualify him to perform that work. With his agree ment as to the correctness of combining with his peculiar reform the practicable features of the Torrens system, we shall hope to learn of his having drawn up such

that sort will force itself on the attention of legislators by its own merits; and Mr. Olmstead's work will be crowned by rendering real estate as negotiable an investment as stocks or bonds, and one that is much more reliable.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TROUBLE. That High School case started out by passing judgement before investiga-tion, which was a sufficiently remarkable proceeding; the inves tigation yesterday enriches the record with a declaration that the verdict of suspension by the faculty is sustained, but that the offending pupil can come back to the school if she chooses, which strikes

record of confirming a suspension. As regards the investigation, its significant cance is affected by the fact that the High School Committee which conducted it fell under the censure of the Central Board, almost as much as the faculty. The evidence falls to sustain the charge that violent language was used by an instructor; but as a vindication of the faculty it leaves much to be desired. It seems to have been directed to the issue put in the testimony of one of the teachers, that the pupil under discipline "was wrong." Every impartial person knows she was wrong. There is no material dispute on that point; but the public question is whether the manner adopted of dealing with the ancient personalities of a class

paper was judicious, good-tempered or dignified. Considering the fact that these personal ities were fully corrected by their elision and that the offense for which the pupil was disciplined was her absence and failure The report that in case of the failure of to read the corrected paper, it become pertinent that this absence was in accord ance with her father's orders. After a pupil has apologized for an offense of that sort, to insist on the further humiliation of her reading it in public instead of allowing

> to an undignified, if not vindictive degree That the action of the Central Board was hasty and too sweeping may be con ceded: but that the kind of discipline insisted on in this case was such as will benefit a High School, is far from demon-

> strated. PROMISE AND NON-PERFORMANCE Here is the policy to which the Republican party of Pennsylvania pledged itself during the last campaign, and under which the members of the Legislature were

> elected: We charge the members of the next Ger eral Assembly with the duty to pass such laws for ballot reform, and if necessity should arise to provide for such changes it the Constitution of our State as will insur

to every voter perfect secrecy and freedom The practical politicians' way of fulfilling that pledge has been to mutilate a bill that would have redeemed it into a measure that destroys independent action, tries to disfranchise independent voters, and provides a way to prevent voters that can

be intimidated or corrupted from casting their votes without supervision.

The Baker bill showed that it is practicable to provide secrecy and freedom in voting without constitutional amendment. Therefore its provisions were distorted in order to give a shallow excuse for calling a constitutional convention by which the

There could not be a more complete declaration of the political idea that the the elevated road to be dangerous and or- only value of platform pledges is to fool the people. Nor could there be a more urgent necessity for Republican leaders who believe that there is such a thing as

# tion to such dishonesty

HITTING THE WRONG PARTY. A singular example of the loose logic which some of our esteemed free trade cotemporaries indulge in on the sugar tariff is presented by an article in the Providence Telegram. That journal makes various assertions concerning the control of the price of sugar which are intended

to bear on party divisions on the tariff question. One of the salient assertions is that the Sugar Trust "has been able to control the price of sugar in this country even beyond the amount of the protection it has enjoyed," and has controlled the English market at the same time as the American. This is brought forward as an indictment of protection; but if it is true, which we doubt, it is just the opposite. The fact that prices could be put up beyond the

amount of the tariff proves that something else besides the tariff constituted the power of the Trust. they will not commit any such faux pas as Further, the Telegram asserts that at the same time the Trust sold sugar in England for four cents it sold the same article in the United States for eight cents. This being brought forward as an indictment of the Republican tariff policy, it is needless to inquire into its truth. If the figures are correct it is given a very different ap plication from that made by the Telegram The following figures show its true bear ing: Duty on refined sugar proposed by

Mills bill, 2.8 cents; enacted in McKinlev bill. 1-2 cent. With the fact that the Republican policy put the duty on sugar 2.2 cents lower than the rate fixed by the Democratic measure, the esteemed Telegram's statements resolve themselves into a decided boom-

erang. It is interesting to learn that the fresh man class at Princeton has adopted a reso-lution against hazing. We are entirely in sympathy with the resolution; but in view of the praise esteemed obtemporaries are giving the same it seems rather pertinen that the victims of hazing usually find no difficulty in perceiving the wrong of it. When the Princeton freshmen reach the stage where, by the barbaric superstition of

voted for the golden rod as their favorite flower. There is a suspicion that this freight-naver, who is determined that Nev York shall in no way choose any such flower

THE action of the Governor in vetoing the emasculated road bill is indorsed by journals which have been foremost in suporting the work of real road reform. The Philadelpia Press sums up the whole subject saying: "Every measure which is so disorted from its original purpose as to be re pudinted by its best friends is a proper sub-ject for executive veto." This has a hint that the bogus movement to slaughter ballot reform will, if it passes the Legislature, receive a veto with the approval of the pres

itch turns out to be a case in which the Russian heir was out for quiet nocturnal enjoyment, and the Japanese proved themselves as active with their clubs the New York kind.

Tue demand of the New York Win and Spirit Gazette that the liquor dealers in Buffalo should tell why a Senator from that city failed to vote for a wholesale liquor bill a scheme at an early date. A measure of York Legislature, is a singular indication of steal the police.

New York politics. It gives us the idea that the wholesale liquor interest has the same power to issue its orders in New York politics that the corporations and practical politi-cians have with regard to the legislation of

the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. THE Newark lodge of Elks has voted that John L. Sullivan does not drink to ex-cess. This is more important as an indica-tion of what the Newark Elks regard as excessive drinking than as a vindication of

THERE is outspoken wisdom and party sense in the declaration of the Media Anna con that the Rannblicans who stab ballot re form in the house of its friends "will be held up to public notice by the American, and we trust by every Republican newspaper in the State, We cannot demand just election laws for the South and refuse them for Pennsylvania." This is an evidence on the part of the sanguine Cooper that he is convinced that honest politics is the only kind that pays.

MR. JOHN H. Fow's anxiety to slaughte the trusts is commendable, but, like his determination to make the corporations obey the Constitution, it is only active when there is no chance of its becoming effective.

THE ruling of the Supreme Court of Georgia that "the fact that the people of a certain section had held a mass-meeting and agreed to disregard the 'stock lawedoes not repeal the law," is undoubtedly true, though it does not seem like any very new principle. Nevertheless it oversets the New Or leans theory of government. It might also be pertinent in this section to say that the edict of corporation managers does not re

peal the law either THE Stewart will case is settled once more by the defeat of the Irish heirs. There is every reason to hope that this settlement will last until some enterprising lawyer gets

up a new set of heirs or a new case. THE Prince of Wales explains that most of his debts were incurred in buying wed-ding presents. This will secure for His Royal Highness the sympathy of American society generally; but otherwise it will have an unfortunate effect. It will destroy the growing idea in the United States that wedding presents are going out of fashion.

THE whole world rejoices to hear that Gladstone is getting better. No one is ready to hear that the career of the Grand Old Man is ended until he has won at least one

Ir those reports of assaulting and beating deputy sheriffs in the Fayette county coke regions are true, there is an obvious need for strict enforcement of the law. But some of these reports need investigation about as much as the one concerning the uprisonment of laborers in the mines.

THE reason for the low temperature of

Tuesday and Wednesday is explained when we recall the fact that Devoe prophesied the hottest weather of the season for those two BELGIUM has just informed Boulanger anger is still in the land of the living that

bear on the Belgian Government to give him THE Florida legislative caucus seems to have appropriated all the pugnacity that used to be developed by a Democratic con-

wonder grows how he brought influence to

vention in Allegheny county. THE Senate has passed the bill abolish ing the ward school boards of Philadelphia. If the bill extended to second-class cities it might or might not be a benefit; but recent experience warrants the apprehensions that

#### hanges in the teaching corps would be very abrupt, so to spenk.

PERSONAL PECULIARITIES.

NELSON was only 13 when he took to the No fewer than seven portraits of the Ger-

man Emperor are now being painted by three artists in Berlin. THE Princess of Wales is exhibiting a number of her creditable productions in photography at the exhibition in Vienna. Ex-GOVERNOR JOHN IRLAND, of Texas,

says that when Galveston has deep water there will be a new line of railroad between that city and Chicago. In England "Artemus Ward" has scarce

ly lost an iota of his popularity as a humor-ist. English popular opinion has placed him on a level with Mark Twain. REV FATHER SHERMAN, son of the late General Sherman, will be present at the cele-bration of the three hundredth anniversary

of the death of St. Aloysius at St. Charle Mo., and will deliver the oration. MRS. LEASE, the Kansas Alliance woman, recently received a letter from Ben Buterworth notifying her that she had recently been elected to membership in the "College of Thinkers" of the world. She has also re

make three speeches before the Chautauqua neeting at Atlanta. JOHN GLADSTONE, the father of the ex-Premier of Great Britain, trained his chil-dren to give a reason for every opinion they offered. It was in this way that William E Gladstone was early trained to debate. On disputed as to where a certain picture ought to be hung. An old Scotch servant came in with a ladder, and stood irresolute while the argument progressed, but as Miss Mary would not yield, William gallantly ceased from speech, though unconvinced, of course, The servant then hung up the picture where the young lady ordered, but when he had done this he crossed the room and hammered a nail into the opposite wall. He was asked why he did this. "Aweel, miss, that will do to hang the picture on when ye'll

#### have to come round to Master Willie's STILL HOPE FOR PITTSBURG.

Lima Oil to Supply the Aching Void Cau

tima Republican.] Pittsburg's natural gas boom has gone never to return. The great gas resorvoirs are partly exhausted and the gas men have learned that fuel supply in unlimited quan tity at limited prices, is unprofitable busi-ness. The mill supply has been cut off, and the house supply regulated by the

meter system. The drilling necessary to keep up this supply, and the pipeage system to deliver it, are becoming more expensive all the time. In short, natural gas is now a luxury, in Pittsburg, lavishly as it was wasted a few years ago. At this juncture, Lima receives its benefit. To avoid the smoke and soot of ante-gas days, the Pittsburg mill men are

# DRIFTING TO BANKRUPTCY

think Pittsburg can.

The Financial State of Portugal Show Whither Other Powers Are Drifting. Kansas City Star.]

Portugal is a small nation, but she is a type of the greater ones. There is not in Europe the capacity for development that there is on the Western continent. The debts of the bankrupt South American nations will be paid some time if they are not increased. But the nations of Europe have already reached the point where it is an impossibility for them to pay what they owe.

Will not private financiers some time get tired of lending money to their debtors to pay interest on what they already owe? Will not Eussia some the control of the co Russia some time be where Portugal is now? Will not France? Will not Italy? developed countries?

> Twould Be Terrible. re American.]

The famous bloodho Whitechapel fiend has been kidnaped. TALK OF THE TOWN.

Clean Monument-How to Scour Sandstone-Realism in Berlin-In Defense of Certain Shoppers-The Judicial Derby-

Town Gossip of the Topical Talker. THE Soldiers' Monument on Seminary Hill is actually white again, and the sunshine finds it in a reflective mood. They have been finds it in a reflective mood. They have been literally digging away at it for weeks and now the only point in the renovation to be completed is the re-cutting of the extract from Lincoln's Gettysburg oration which ornaments the north panel of the pedestal. The monument will present a clean face to the old soldiers who visit it on Decoration Day. If the reign of smoke is to be resumed for good in this valley the monument will be for good in this valley the monument will be as black as ever in less than five years. On this point Mr. R. McDonald, a very canny old Scot whom I found overseeing the single stonecutter at work on Lincoln's famous words, said yesterday: "We have had to cut off the surface of the entire monument to give it a clean appearance, and then, of course, the inscriptions have had to be deepened. The only way to keep the monument respectable in appearance will be to have it scrubbed with water and steel burners.

will be to have it scrubbed with water and steel brushes every two years."

"A little scap with the water?"

"Heavens, noi man. You can't use scap on sandstone. If you do you'll never get it to look clean again. I've noticed many a housewife down in the city using scap when she scrubs her sandstone doorsteps or window ledges, and wondering no doubt why the more she scrubs the blacker the stone becomes. You should only use scap on stone that will take a hard polish like marble or granite. The fault I have to find with this monument is its mottled appearance now that we've cleaned it. That is because the builders of it did not secure a uniform quality of sandstone. You see that punel is dark and this block light, the one of what we call blue sandstone and the other of the pink variety. The man who built it could not have been very proud of his work, for he hasn't put his name or the date of its erection on the monument."

A Plea for Persistent Shoppers "It is well enough to sneer at shoppers of my sex," said a lady yesterday, "who pull a store inside out to buy a spool of thread, but let me tell you that in some stores a man can't expect to get a glimpse of the best stock, the new goods and the most desirable unless she asks for things that are not in sight, and, as men put it, 'look at a hundred dresses before she buys one.' Now, for example, I went into a first-class drygoods store to-day to buy a dress. First of all, I was shown a score of dresses that had been pawed over and spread on the counter for days and days. The dresses were good enough, but I saw that they were shop-worn, and I declined to buy. I told the saleswoman I wanted to see some other dresses, and my husband, whom I had persuaded to accompany me this far, thereupon declared that he would not stand by and torture a hardworking woman behind the counter just to gratify my caprice. So I went it alone—if you'll excuse the expression—and after my lord had gone the saleswoman, who by the way was just as good natured as she should have been, seeing that she understood my purpose, brought out several dresses in their original boxes, which had not been handled at all, and I soon made my choice. The price of the dress was the same as that of the first shown to me, and the saleswoman said: "Those dresses you looked at first will be marked down to-morrow"—and then I may buy one. For the economy thus effected I know my husband will not give me credit but it is real as you'll admit." goods store to-day to buy a dress. First of

Realism in Berlin. On Wednesday night a crowd of men who had been to the May Festival were talking about the performance in the Hotel Ander-son lobby. A gentleman of German birth who had been especially valiant in defense of Wagner and German art and artists, got into a rather heated controversy with a Pittsburger over the merits of the rendering of Saint-Saens' "The Deluge" that evening. "You must confess," said the Pittsburger, "that the effect of the flood was most realis-

tically produced to night." contemptu-ously answered the German. "Why, in Ber-lin, when The Deluge' was given the audi-ence were up to their necks in water for three hours!" A Colen for Sight-Seers. The new road which is being cut from Ridge avenue to the brow of Seminary Hill will be finished in a week or two, judging add a very picturesque drive to the large number Allegheny already possesses. The road starts from the corner above the Presbyterian Seminary and winds in ah elongated 8 to the base of the Soldiers' Monument, about which it will circle presumably. As soon as it is completed, no doubt-it will be a favorite drive with those who want to show strangers the two cities, for in spite of the great cloud of smoke which overhangs Pittsburg, the view to be obtained from the hill-top comprehends the most interesting part of the two cities and a general prospect of the Ohio Valley and the surrounding hills of rare beauty.

A Gratuitous Gibe. WHEN you are fighting for room enough to breathe in one of the overcrowded Pleasant Valley electric cars, it is aggravating to read

the advertising signs by the fare register and all around the roof, which announce that "Space in this car may be had on application to ——" An Egg With Your Beer. In a certain downtown saloon just not when a customer orders a glass of beer the bartender with one hand sets down the glass and with the other offers a hard-boiled egg in a neat cup. The competition in the in a near cap. The competition in the liquor business must be pretty sharp when to catch trade a saloon keeper is willing to cut his profits like this. There can't be much margin of profit in the transaction when eggs are retailing at 20 cents a dozen, even if the bartender is an artist in drawing high collars with the beer.

A Derby for Legal Colts. "Every man under 40 is a candidate for the judgeship," a lawyer remarked yesterday.
"What about the fellows over 40?" asked

a brother barrister.

"Oh, they're not in it," replied the first speaker with a sigh, as he pushed his hand through his grizzled hair. It's All in the Point of View "I HAVEN'T any old clothes for you," said the lady of the house to a tattered and torn ouse to a tattered and torn old fellow who had knocked at the door of a house on Center avenue; "my husband wears his clothes out." The old clo' man looked passing sad and

# he went away muttering: "Don't know what's comin' to the people that lives in fine houses; they don't have any clothes no

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO. Dr. Z. X. Snyder, President of the Indiana State Normal School, was in the city yesterday. The Dootor could have been state Superintendent of Public Instruction, but he says there is not a living salary connected with the office. It is all honor and no pay. He didn't want it at present, but he might accept some day when he is wealthier.

H. C. Overbolt, a manufacturer of extracts at Cleveland, was visiting friends in the city yesterday. Mr. Overholt formerly lived at West Overton, and is well-known in the Connellsville coke region, where he was at one time engaged in the coke business. Judge Campbell, of Uniontown, returned yesterday from Philadelphia. He says is the East the people are complaining about the lack of rain, and the farmers fear thei crops will be injured. The same thing i true of Western Pennsylvania.

A party of 14 people in a special car went East last evening as the guests of T.G. Evans. Phil Knox, the lawyer, was in the crowd. They were reticent about the ob-ject of the trip. John Schlosser returned yesterday from the Hotel Men's Convention at Cleveland. He said they had a great time, and this was all he could remember of the programme.

G. A. Beaver, of Bellefonte, J. K. Pearce a New Castle banker, and J. F. Hillman manager of all the Wanamaker stores, are among the guests at the Anderson. J. G. Camp and wife, of Butler, regis tered at the Schlosser last night. They are a newly-married couple as the young man's nervousness indicated.

James B. Scott returned from Phila-delphia yesterday. He says many architects are anxious to prepare plans for the Carnegie libraries. Colonel T. B. Searight, of Uniontown, and C. Seymour Dutton, of Youngstown, are stopping at the Monongahela House. Oswald Baynes and W. E. Post, mair line claim agents for the B. & O. road at Bal timore, were in the city yesterday. George T. Mallery and wife, of Topeka, and A. G. Thomas and wife, of Springfield, are at the Duquesne. Philip Wirsching, of Salem, and J. Mc-Donald, of Washington, are at the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

Dr. F. C. Robinson, of Uniontown,

SOCIETY AND CHURCH.

History of the Building of the Eighth Street Covenanter Building—Coming Anni-versary of the Colored Orphans' Home— Social Chatter of a Day.

"No going asleep under the influence of the sermon" was an injunction, the effectiveness of which entered largely into the plans for and construction of the Eighth Street Covenanter Church. At least that is what was as much as said by Dr. William R. Hamilton last evening, when he read his "History of the Building of the Church" to a well-filled auditorium. In announcing this topic Rev. McAllister said that two men of well-filled auditorium. In announcing this topic Rev. McAllister said that two men of the same professions, Dr. Hamilton and the late Dr. Sterrett, were most active of the Building Committee; that they apparently gave all of their spare time to superintending the erection of the present noble structure. The eminent surgeon, as expeditious dissecting his last night's subject as he is professionally, used few but pointed sentences. According to him the congregation having decided to build the present site was purchased in 1865 and possession obtained April 1, 1867. Nearness to Allegheny was a weighty influence in the selection of the Eighth street lot and then the price demanded suited the funds in hand. The consideration paid was \$20,000, and at the meeting of November 5, 1865, the congregation subscribed \$17,000. The property was rented during 1868 and part of 1869 for what about paid expenses. In the meantime Architect James Balph was at work on the plans and specifications, offering to do all the work for only 1 per cent of the contract price of the edifice, which was \$27,750. One commendable and remarkable fact about the subscriptions to the fund is that not one of the contributors failed to make good his or her promise. Other items of expense, such as plumbing, gas fitting, heating and furnishing and other incidentals increased the outlay to \$35,000. The doctor took occasion to say that the church was the best lighted in the two cities, and the reflectors were the first in successful use put up here. The ventilation was especially attended to and in early days the registers were kept open, allowing a better air supply and greatly contributing to the warmth of the auditorium. "Besides that," he said, "am satisfied it did not tax the preacher's energy so greatly to combat the effects of the carbon dioxyde breathed out to the the concretion and to been the audit preacher's energy so greatly to combat the effects of the carbon dioxyde breathed out by the congregation and to keep the audi-ence awake. That gas produces somno-lence."

lence."
The church building, when finished, had 64 feet frontage and extended back 30 feet on a lot that measured 80 feet front by 90 feet back. According to his diagnoses "It was the best Covenanter Church building in the the best Covenanter Church building in the world," and when the general meeting of the church was held its magnificence fairly duinfounded the delegates from the West. That was in 1871, and from that on went an impetus in the direction of better and handsomer houses for worship. "The Financial Record of the Church," treated by T.H.Boyd and J. S. Arthur, was a detailed statement of matters already touched upon by previous speakers. The same was true of the topics, "Mission Work Outside the City," by Mrs. S. McNaugher, Mrs. J. S. Arthur and Mrs. John Gibson; and "Mission Work in the City" by Miss Ella Martin and Miss S. Woodside.

THE Ladies' Auxiliary of the Gusky Or phan Asylum is up to its very ears in work preparing for the dedication of the building preparing for the dedication of the building on the 28th. At a meeting held yesterday some important decisions were made regarding the style of furnishment for the different dormitories and infirmaries. The furnishing of the home is memorial almost entirely. The parlors will be furnished by Mr. Jacobs. the dining room by Mrs. Guckenheimer, the culinary department by Mrs. S. Hert, the girls' dormitory by Mrs. M. Oppenheimer, the boys' dormitory by Mrs. William Frank, the girls' infirmary by Mrs. William Frank, the girls' infirmary by Mrs. Dr. Blumberg and the boys' by Miss De Hope. Mr. E. Werthelmer will provide for and maintain the library. The rooms for the aged will be fitted up by Mrs. I. Lehman, Mrs. M. Lehman, Mrs. E. Raugh, Mrs. S. Frank, Mrs. L. Lippman, Mrs. I. Wildberg and Mrs. M. Herzog. Twelve little orphans are waiting the opening of the home and are being cared for by the society.

A very enjoyable social, with strawberry A very enjoyable social, with strawberry festival and supper attachment, attracted a large gathering at the Bellefield Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon and last evening. The ladies and children flocked to the church during the afternoon, and there welcomed the gentlemen at 6 o'clock or thereabouts in the evening. Ice cream, strawberries, and candy were for sale during the afternoon and for supper was to be found all sorts of spring delicacies. Mrs. Jack was chairman of the supper table committees, and the tables were presided over by Mesdames Zug, Nimick, Hagan, McDowell, Munson, Sheppard and Holland.

THE Unitarian congregation that has assembled for some time past in the Mellon building to listen to the gospel as expounded by Rev. Dr. Townse expounded by Rev. Dr. Pownsend are mourning his intended departure from this city. The gentleman is an eloquent speaker and possessed of a very pleasing personality. He has firmly established himself in the affections of his people during his pastorate, and his leaving is regretted by a large number. He will return to a former charge. Rev. Charles Doles, of Boston, has accepted an invitation to preach several times for the congregation, with a view of coming here permanently,

iew of coming here perman-A sox that will carry joy and sunshin into a destitute family down in Tennessee was dispatched yesterday from the Third Presbyterian Church of this city. It was sent to a minister whom fire had robbed of roceries, shoes, hose, underclothing, out-relothing and bedclothing, and amounted erciothing and bedciothing, and amounted to over \$200 in value. Some money was also sent by mail. With the departure of this box the missionary ladies heave a sigh of relief and close their winter's work, which has been unusually heavy.

THE little curly pates of the Colored Orphans' Home, Allegheny, on next Wednesday afternoon, will show their glistening teeth with smiles of pleasure or drop their heads in diffidence as the case may be, for the in difficence as the case may be, for the home will be invaded with any number of guests in honor of the eleventhanniversary. A programme of recitations and songs will be given by the little folks, commencing at 2:30 and an address will be given by Chanceflor W. J. Holland. A luncheon will be served later by Luther. The lady managers will constitute the reception committee.

THE King's Children of the Emory M. E. Church gave a strawberry festival hurch rooms, Penn avenue, East End, last uch to make the event a success azaar was under the care of Mrs. D. M. Vatt, and Mrs. Charles Woolslaft and Mrs. W. McKee presided over the candy and incy tables, respectively.

#### A BOAT excursion will be given by Southside Medical Society next Tuesday Mr. FRED MILLS and Miss Annie Smith were narried last evening. A REMARKABLE PAIR.

Burglary Was Their Occupation, and They

Did a Big Business.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) IDGEFORT, May 15. - Henry Luddingto and Dora Conroy are now in the Bridgeport fall awaiting trial for a series of remarkable burglaries. The house where the Ludding tons lived was found to be packed from cel lar to garret with valuable household goods. clothing, silver and a thousand and one things which had been stolen during the past two years, and ever since the arrest persons who have been robbed have been Over 600 keys used by burglars, two jimmies, dark lanterns, an ingeniously con-trived bullseye lamp, brace and bit, saws to be used on metal and a burgiar's stove and blow-pipe used to burn out locks were found blow-pipe used to burn out locks were found on the premises.

Fully 50 burglaries have been traced to Luddington. Dora Conroy is a very pretty girl, barely 25 years old, and she has borne Luddington five children. She is not married to him, she says. She claims to be the daughter of respectable New York people, and formerly lived in Harlem, where she became infittuated with the good-looking burglar, and ran away to follow his fortunes.

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It is always safest and cheapest to do you advertising in the newspapers, where the people will see what you have to offer for

We are never satisfied. Last spring it was wet and cold, and we didn't like it. This spring it is dry and warm, and we are still

-The oldest building in Freeport has just een torn down. -The largest arsenal in the world is at Woolwich, England. -A Cheese Exchange has been organized at Jamestown, N. V. -Wood gas, it is claimed, is the most healthful gas produced. -Scottish sporting estates are not in as great a demand as formerly. -Manchester is the unhealthiest large town in the United Kingdom.

> -Double-decked street cars have lately been introduced in Washington. -The Kansas State University will celebrate its quarter-centenary in June. -The petrified foot of a monkey has been aken from a Florida phospate mine. -A cow in Phillips, Me., drank five gallons of maple syrup one day recently. -Museum managers complain of a growing scarcity of women snake-charmers. -The English are fond of a dish of crow or something nearly the same, rooks.

only half that of a golden eagle.

-A Topeka man cut his mule's tongue out because it hung out of the animal's -Floors of rubber, claimed to be as dur-

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The best speed of a railroad train is

-Paris has no private gardens.

able as asphalt, and cheaper, are being tried in Germany. -"Seent farming"-the growing of plants that yield perfumery—is a growing industry in Victoria, Australia.

-A Kittanning man has invented a typewriting machine which he hopes will drive its rivals out of the market. -Seven hundred love letters were produced in an English breach of promise suit. The fair plaintiff won her suit.

-Fish frozen alive have remarkable vitality. Carps frozen 36 hours have been known to hop about lively after being thawed out. -New Jersey importers have been dodging the tariff by receiving pearl buttons complete in every detail except the drilling of the holes.

-An English County Court judge gives it as his experience that "more untruthful evidence is given by women ten times over than by men." -There was a time when, in Paris and Vienna, young dandies wore colored shirts with the faces of favorite dancers displayed

ill over the garment. -Texas has a Hogg for Governor, a Pig for Judge, a Lamb for Senator, a Durham for representative and a Buffalo for Sheriff. Texas is a great stock State. -The saltest piece of water upon earth is

Lake Urumia, in Persia, more than 4,000 feet above the sea level. It is very shallow and no living thing can exist in it. -The earth is gradually growing larger from the fall of meteoric matter. An astronomer estimates that the globe is annually pelted with 146,000,000 projectiles. -Professor Siesegang, a German inventor, has constructed an electric phonograph, which is said to reproduce the inflections of the voice with wonderful fidelity.

-Another expedition to Mt. St. Elias will be sent out this summer by the National Geographic Society. The prime object is to ascertain the true height of the peak. —The first Mohammedan marriage in England was celebrated a few days ago, when a Moslem lawyer was wedded accord-ing to the rites of his religion to the daughter of a Lord justice.

-One of the customs of a few savage peoples is falling into desuctude in parts of the Pacific—that is the custom of building houses in the branches of trees. Firearms wrought the change. -The South Carolina town of Pineossolis has been infested by many mad foxes, which

probably contracted hydrophobia from some rables stricken dog. Many persons have been bitten, but thus far without fatal results. -In Japan the act of flirting is a penal offense. Serious complications arise under the law, but the young people of both sexes know that they cannot wink and blink and giggle at each other unless they mean business.

-A Port Allegheny fisherman hooked

up from a small stream a watch, two chains, thirty-two rings and many other articles of jewelry, which have been identified as goods stolen from a store in that town about a month ago. -Woodbridge, N. J., is undergoing a reign of terroron account of snakes. Women are afraid to venture in the streets. The clay dumps and sand heaps, overgrown with bushes and brambles surrounding the town, are fairly alive with the crawling creatures. -There is a pocket telephone stretched

just opposite. They are to be married soon, and it is a touching sight to watch the little sparrows perch on the string and peck at the taffy as it slides along. -A Baltimore mulatto girl is turning pink in spots, and has gone to a hospital for treatment. The spots increase in size in the spring and fall, at which time the girl says

Waterloo to the window of his sweetheart

she feels very languid. At these periods she also loses her appetite. Her hair is also un-dergoing a change, but here the colors, which appear in spots, are pure white. -A great unexplored cave was recently found near Clarion, which emits a sort of tound hear Clarion, which centes a sort of bine fog, chill as from a powerful refrigera-tor. A pail of water suspended at a depth of 10 feet was drawn up after 4 hours and found to be almost a solid cake of ice. As far as known no living animal could remain in the opening for more than a few minutes. -Most persons who use the incandescent

electric light like a new lamp because the light is whiter and more brilliant than after the lamp has been used for two or three weeks. This is wrong. It is this dazzling white light that harms the eye. An old lamp is the best, for in it the light has become changed to a pale yellow, which is the ideal -It is not generally known that an entirely distinct school of cathedral glass working nas sprung up in this country complishing the most wonderful results. It combines all that is best in the other schools, and has added improvements of its own by which all the possibilities of colored glass have been apparently exhausted. To such a high state has this artistic taste been developed that prices are paid for single windows to-day in private houses which would have seemed fabulous ten years ago.

Alas! I learned the other day She's interested in baseball.

WHY THIS CHANGE? Why does she smile no more on me, And why affect that mannish air? She asks me not to stay to tes, She does not even seem to care Whether I come, or go, or stay, Or even if I cease to call.

Why should telephone girls—not all of them, of course, but some of them—be so deaf to the subscriber's dialect and kindly spoken "Hello," and so competent to report his little imposwear words, - Washington Post. Philadelphia Girl-Dear me! My watch is nearly an hour slow.

New York Girl—Well, dear, that isn't much for Philadelphia.—Jewelers' Weekly. Rudyard Kipling must have been himself

"The Light that Failed." He is not heard of now .- New Orleans Picoyune. Angelina (with a scream and a shudder)-Oh, George! Isn't that a mad dog?

George—I should think he ought to be,
wretch has tied a tomato can to his tail,—C Jayway-I ran across a white donkey down

lear Willow Grove, and— Hayway-When was this?

Jayway -- Let's see--oh, yes--the day I met you town there. And to this day Jayway can't understand Hayway's coolness, New York Telegram.

Wife—Why is it dudes wear only one

The Nice Nicce-Do you think he is a real Count, Uncle Dick?

The Awful Uncle—The evidence seems to be in that direction. He speaks bad English, gambles well and borrows money from every one who will lend,—Hunsey's Wockly.