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business on the high road to a creditable signed, so that the city is now at liberty to to secure a prompt test on the efficacy of As to the first named enactments, we do

not think that there is any possible doubt of their validity. They have been framed with a special view of meeting all med in the courts. On the other hand, the stringency of some of the provisions will much decrease the activity of street imthat no street can be improved without the petition of a majority of property-holders affected, both in number and interest, will confine future work to streets where there is a nearly unanimous demand for the improvement. But this difficulty may provide its own corrective. When its effect is fully understood purchasers of property who have a preference for pavements and sewers will avoid new streets unless the requisite petition is obtained, and it will become necessary for property-owners to

gard to the effect of the curative bill; but the way is fortunately open to the city to make it clear. Even if the validity of the act were more indisputable than it is, property-owners, after recent experience of the disadvantage of promptitude in the way of paying assess-ments, are not going to pay those made under this act until it is sustained by the Supreme Court. As to the bearing of the hester case on our curative act, it is pertiment that in that case the trouble was not with any act of the city with regard to the streets, but with the general charter law of the State: while in our case the fact that improvements were begun may be regarded as vital by the Supreme Court. When in addition we find it cited as a material fact in the Chester decision that a majority in number of the property-owners petitioned for the improvement, while in the majority of our own streets not even a majority in interest signed the petition, it is quite important that the city shall secure | cleanly devices within the limits of Pitts a full test of the act before making a general demand on the property-owners for

about three months to get an assessment fairly before the lower courts. This indifully tested shall reach the Supreme Court at its October term.

THE SCHOLARS HOLIDAY.

columns this morning, is one which, undoubtedly, will meet with the approval of both parents and teachers. THE DIS-PATCH has, ere this, pointed out the necessity for some such affair to be held annually, and takes pleasure in furthering the present plan. In the past, when the school children of this city wished to have an outing, they were compelled to go to Allegheny, and while they were always welcomed, the parks of that city were not large enough to accommodate the boys and girls from both cities.

that the school children have already enough holidays. If number alone were to be taken into consideration this might prove true. But there are many so-called bolidays during the school year on which no amusement is provided for a child and he is left to his own devices. The fact that the proposed outing is scheduled for a Saturday this year will have some effect in making a trial possible. By all means let the attempt to equal our sister city's

One thing should be remembered. While the affair is primarily intended for publie school children those who do not go to our national institutions should be made welcome. Young blood, whether in school or factory, needs sunshine and fresh air

audience of his countrymen the abuses of but Russia is an ally of France, and there fore Russia is popular. Consequently one of the auditors, described as a "savant,"

It is a good illustration of the general idea that unpleasant truths can be slienced by the shouts of a prejudiced audience that a person of scientific attainments should have led in this idea of howling down any criticism of Russia. Of course, the scientific man would never to be just as prejudiced and unreasonable

ance of the idea "Our country right or not occur in the fall, when such a wrong" extended to the allies of his country-secured a practical declaration not that the charges against Russia are untrue, but that it is the kind of truth that France will not listen to just now.

Of course, no other nation can turn up its nose at France for this exhibition. It is common to all nations that those who Business Office - Corner Smithfield undertake to tell unpopular truths must expect to be cried down. No longer ago than last year, the members of the Republican party who dared to say that the party leaders were taking a false course underwent practically the same experience. They were exied down; but the event has proved that they were not far wrong. It is a rather unfortunate trait of universal human nature that the man who tries to tell unpopular truths will not be given a hearing.

HOW TO MEET COMPETITORS.

The Baltimore Manufacturers' Gazette, whose especial function it is to report the progress of manufacturing enterprises in the South, reports the organization of a million-dollar corporation to manufacture steel at Birmingham, Ala. It is to be supposed that an enterprise of that magnitude has not been entered into without due investigation of the availability of the materials of that section for steel-making. negative quantity; but it is necessary to recognize that if actual experience should demonstrate the ability of turning out good steel in the Alabama region, a powerful competitor of the Pittsburg steel inter-

est will be brought into the field. This is a perfectly legitimate enterprise and Pittsburg can only regard the pros pect of additional competition with the friendly rivalry that is the feature of honorable competition. But one of the first and most legitimate acts of an interest the Boggs avenue case. All five bills are when confronted by new competition is to consider how it can strengthen itself so as proceed under the new law for needed to be superior to loss of trade. This is the street improvements, and at the same time evident point which Pittsburg needs to consider in view of the possible growth of a large and active steel industry in the

The advantage which the Southern steel industry will have, if it establishes its industrial right to existence, will be the close objections, and will doubtless be so proximity of ores and coal. Pittsburg generally recognized as impregnable that | cannot secure such a proximity; but it can they will stand without even being ques- do what is the close equivalent to it, namely, establish continuous water transportation between them. If it is made possible to bring ore vessels to the furnaces provements in years to come. The fact | and mills of Western Pennsylvania, the economy of Northern Alabama in the transportation of materiais will be more than counterbalancea by the superior quality of the Pittsburg products and our central position with reference to their distribution.

In other words, the extension of lake navigation to Pittsburg means that Western Pennsylvania can be placed above all competitors in the iron, steel and coal industries. That fact should unite every citizen of Western Pennsylvania in the support of the project.

A PRAISEWORTHY CAMPAIGN.

We notice with decided satisfaction that the Ladies' Health Protective Association are getting decidedly on the warpath in their movement to rid the city of smoke. The ability to abolish smoke having beer demonstrated both at home and abroad, these influential and public-spirited ladies are determined that they will see it done

or know the reason why.

One of that organization is quoted as saying that the success of the movement to abolish smoke in Chicago has an especial bearing on the question in Pittsburg. The crowning success of the Chicago effort was in requiring railroad locomotives within dress should not be dumb; it should sing." inherent defects in the law by which the the city to adopt smoke-consuming devices. It is plain that Mr. Russell is placing himself Among the railroads which have equippe their engines with successful smoke consumers are the Pennsylvania Company, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Lake Shore. "Now," asks this very discerning lady, "if these railroads can successfully consume their smoke in Chicago, why should they not be able to use the same

burg and Allegheny?" The question is an exceedingly pertinent one, and it is to be hoped that the ladies will direct it with effective force against the railroad authorities at their meeting this morning. But before they cates the necessity of prompt proceedings | attack the railroads they must give their in order that a case in which the law is attention to local smoke producers. If the ladies make life a burden for their husbands, brothers and fathers until the latter have abolished smoke from their chimneys and smokestacks, the conquest of the railroads will prove an easy victory. Success to the ladies in their public-spirited

campaign. AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

The issue as to whether the dangerou poisoning in the vicinity of Sharpsburg was caused by eating smoked sturgeon or not bids fair to be an interesting one, though difficult to settle. On one hand is the statement that numerous people purchasing that viand at different places exhibited the same symptoms. Against this stands the fact that other people ate the same article at about the same time without any deleterious effects.

Of course, the only public interest is in a fair determination of the question of poor and healthy foods. The whole sale dealer who cured and sold the fish has very properly offered to pay for an analysis, and if it is found to contain deleterious ingredients promises to abandon its sale. Such an analysis should be made, as well as a thorough investiga-tion of the circumstances accompanying all cases of illness noted. If smoked sturgeon is a dangerous food the fact should be established beyond peradventure; if it is harmless, that fact should also be made

WHERE OUR GOLD GOES. An interesting illustration of the way in which the financial increments in one part of the world extend themselves to other hemispheres is presented by the present specie movement. The balance of exchange is in favor of this country, but gold continues to flow to Europe. This is because Russia, for purposes of her own, is drawing upon Europe for gold. To make good that draft the European bankers are buying gold in this country, even when the exchange inflicts a slight loss.

An interview with Baron Bleichroder, the great German banker, reports him as saying that the United States has no cause for uneasiness over this draft on her coin reserves. Indeed, he thinks the United States will have the benefit of it presently. He says Russia is not drawing gold for war purposes, which is not to be expected for at least three years, as that power has just commenced arming its troops with a new rifle. But the Russian Government, being unable to negotiate an extension of its maturing debts, has got to pay certain of a rook. Dutch loans, and is calling on the gold for that purpose. When these loans are paid the United States, as a strong creditor in the balance of trade, will find the specie

flowing its way. It is fortunate for business in this coundraft on our reserves might have made the monetary stringency a very serious matter. We can hope that the gold will flow our way before next fall; but it would not be an auspicious time for any of the speculative powers to try kite-flying schemes without first entering into an alliance with the European Powers to prevent them from demoralizing the gold reserves.

THE movement of Philadelphia busi ness men to organize a "bourse" is one of the features of the awakening of that staid city. But is it an essential part of the new Phila-lelphia that it must go to the Continent for its municipal nomenclature. Can it not find a good plain name for its commercial legisla-ture in the language of the United States?

THE fact that it usually takes four years to get a case settled in the Supreme Court of the United States indicates that the appeal of the Governorship contest in Nebraska would, under normal circumstances, result in some one getting left. The term of the man on the outside will expire in two years; and it would be little consolation for him to hear four years hence that he was Governor de jurg, when there will be no chance of his ever getting the de facto satisfaction of holding the position and drawing the salary.

Perhaps, however, the Supreme Court may advance the case on the docket sufficiently to decide that the jurisdiction over the Governorship of Nebraska belongs to the St reme Court of Nebraska.

THE New York press is beginning to protest that it is time that the highway rebberies in that city should be stopped, when it comes to breaking open a ma wagon on Broadway. The only highway robberies which New York can condone are these perpetrated by corporate combinations on the steam highways of the land.

"THE farm indebtedness of Kansas is eing paid off at the rate of \$1,000,000 a month ut this is not the work of the Farmers' Al we to understand the esteemed Traveller to assert that some one outside of the Farmers' Alliance is paying off mortgages for the farmers? Since that organization consti-tutes the bulk of the farming population it may be presumed that, if the above state-ment is true, the members of the Alliance are paying off their debts by the hard work that is above statethat is characteristic of the Western farmer. The stupid enmity of some of the Eastern papers toward the farmers of the West goes far to excuse the enmity which the farmer are cherishing toward the East.

It is asserted by the Washington Post that the difference between a boy's throwing and a girl's throwing is explained by the greater length of the female clavicle. Bosh! The difference is explained by the fact that he girls as a rule do not learn how to throw.

A VERY aggravating and exaggerated pecimen of the American hog is pointed out y the Philadelphia Press in the shape of the runken man on the street car. The characerization is a proper one, but it requires a ingle qualification. One specimen of the American hog exceeds in hoggishness the drunken man on the street car, and that is the company which lets him ride there and inflicts him on the other passengers for the onsideration of five cents.

GOLD departed for Europe at the rate of \$4,000,000 on a single steamship last Saturday. Will some of those financiers who as sert that gold cannot be driven out of the country, please assert themselves and drive this gold back into the country?

THE disposition of an Albany organ to make an international issue of the prohib tion of the British Government on the wearing of swords by the Albany Knights Templar during their summer tour in England is hysterical and Anglophobiac. It is sufficient to remark that a Government which can perceive danger in Knights Templar swords would faint away at the

Now Mr. Edmund Russell is quoted in in strict rapport with the Chicago toward loud dressing.

CONCERNING the late Presidental trip, the New York Sun remarks: "Benjamin Har rison is not a popular man, but he has suc ceeded in great measure party, and that is no small achievement for a resident, even if he has to travel 10,00 miles to do it." And the same week that the trip ends one of the family organs cartoons Blaine as a chicken thief. Call you this re-

Now that the curative bill has been enacted into law, the Supreme Court should be given an early opportunity to say whether it will cure or not.

THERE is a touch of prematureness in the jubilation with which the press of this country is announcing the uselessness of the Esmeralda because she has to get a freel supply of coal. As the Charleston is a vesse of exactly the same type as the Esmeralda she had to get a new supply of coal also. Her only superiority was in the luck of being able to get coal where the Chilean vessel

THE frosts have made their ineffectual effort, but the dry weather continues to get in its work.

PRESIDENT DIAZ, of Mexico, has pur himself in the position of taking a "firm stand against extravagance and over-pledging the national credit." As Diaz him has done most of the over-pledging and beer formation permits a hope that the indomita ble Thomas B. Reed will appear in the next Congress as a champion of retrenchmen and economy.

NOTABLES NOTED.

GENERAL JUBAL EARLY still clings to the Confederate gray as the color of his

REV. DR. T. F. MAHAN, of Cleveland, is named as a possible successor to the late Bishop Gilmore, REV. "SAM" JONES has given notice that

he cannot conduct services at the Round Lake campmeeting this year, and Mr. Moody has therefore been secured. CHARLES FECHTER left the lewelry worn by him as Hamlet to Lester Wallack. Wallack in turn left it to Madame Ponisi and she in turn has given it to Frederick Pauld-

MRS. RICHARD MANNING, of South Car olina, is the only woman on record who was the mother of a Governor, the wife of a Governor, the sister of a Governor, the niece of a Governor, and the aunt of a Gov ernor.

COUNTESS AYMERY DE LA ROCHEFOU-CAULD is said to be the most beautiful woman of this century. Her profile is strikingly like that of Marie Antoinette, and her hair is of the real shade possessed by the martyr

H. C. BUNNER, author and editor of Puck, lives at Nutley, N. J., where he has a pretty cottage nearly buried in the woods. He is a great pedestrian and something of an the meeting. The question was discussed but it could hardly be said to have been de amateur photographer. He has a wife and a little daughter named Nancy.

MICHAEL TSCHIGORIN, who won the cable chess match with Mr. Steinitz, is 40 years of age, and was born near St. Petersburg. He learned the game to which he is now so devoted while about 15 years old, and in less than 12 months could beat his master, though giving the latter the odds

PRESIDENT CARNOT went recently to the Jarein d'Acclimatation, and a Bohemian was asked what he thought of the French chief magistrate. "Oh, he is a dignified and grave looking man," replied the dark complexioned gentleman; "but he always comes with the same woman. For the Lord's sake, A RELIGIOUS MELANGE.

The Consecration of the First Methodis Episcopal Nurse Deaconess in New York

—A Couple of Prominent Ministers Come to the Defense of Dr. Briggs.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] NEW YORK, May 18.—The second anniver-sary of the New York Deaconness Home and Training School of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held to-night in the Park Avenue Methodist Church. Bishop Edward C. Andrews conducted the service which consecrated Mrs. H. L. Jenkins to the work of nurse deaconess. Mrs. Jenkins is the first nurse deaconess in New York. She took the regular course of training for nurses at the Methodist Hospital and was the first grad-uate from that institution. She left the hos-pital just as the Deaconess' Home was opened in May, 1889, and at once entered the home training school. She has taken the regular two years' training course of study and read ing and is the first graduate.

The discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church provides that "the duties of deaconesses are to minister to the poor, visit the sick, pray with the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wandering, comfort the sorrowing, save the sinning, and relinquishing all other pursuits, to devote themselves to such forms of Christian labor that may be acted from any deaconess, and any one of their number shall be at liberty to relinquish her position as deaconess at any time.

The Conditions Made to Suit. The deaconesses live in the Home under three different conditions. They may pay their own board and expueses, they may pay their board, but not their expenses, and they may pay neither. In any case, after they

their board, but not their expenses, and they may pay neither. In any case, after they have served a proper time in probation and have been received as candidates, they must remain for two years taking a course of reading and study and practical training in the work before they may receive their diplomas. The nurse deaconesses must also be graduated from some reputable training school or hospital. The work of all the deaconesses while in the home consists in visiting the poor and sick and relieving distress in every way possible. They give up all the afternoon to the work, leaving the home at 1:30 o'clock and returning at some time between 5 and 6. Their mornings are devoted to reading and studying.

Although the Home is strictly a Methodist institution the work of the deaconesses is non-sectarian. They go wherever they find the opportunity. Whenever they are allowed to enter the house they call that a visit; but when they are admitted no further than the door that is a call. The nurse deaconesses finds still different employment. Often her visits continue and are extended into days at the bedside of her patients. Mrs. Jenkins, acting in this capacity, has made over 700 professional calls and has been remarkably successful in her work. She is a woman of pleasing personality, and her kindly manner and cheer, way greatly augment her usefulnesses live at the Home, but it is not unusual for a deaconess to leave the Home to work under the supervision of one church. In such cases she is under the direction of the pastor of the church with which she is connected, but when associated in a Home all members are subordinate to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent of the New York

members are subordinate to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent of the New York Home is Miss Isabella A. Reeves. There are also connected with the Home a number of associates. These are ladies whose home lives do not permit them to enter the Deaconess Home, but who can yet give part of their time to the work of the Home. The records of the visits of the deaconesses and nurse deaconess contain much that is pitiful and unpleasant but there are many cases reported where the cheery helpfulness of the visitors has wrought great changes in the life and conditions of the unfortunates whom they have found out and helped. Not always have their ministrations been to the always have their ministrations been to the poorest classes; but their work is done for its own sake and not for show, and their records are kept for their own profit only.

Calls Dr. Briggs a Martyr. As a prelude to the sermon last night the Rev. John L. Scudder, pastor of the Jersey City Tabernacle, touched upon the trial of

Dr. Briggs.
"Another theological war has been de-clared," he said. "Once more the disciples of Christ are preparing to do battle with on of Christ are preparing to do battle with one another, and before this conflict is over I fear many people will be seriously damaged. It is with great misgiving that I look upon the coming trial of Dr. Briggs for heresy. This is a purely theological quarrel—a warfare of opinion which is destined to increase the dissensions which already exist, if, indeed, it will not sever the denomination. "There is little to be gained in such dogmatic conflicts. It is a poor recommendation for the gospel of love when the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus join in angry debate and exhibit a harsh, uncharitable controversal temper. Multitudes of

angry debate and exhibit * harsh, taken itable controversial temper. Multitudes of people stand aloof and say with a sneer, 'You had better convert yourselves before you attempt to convert us.' Whether Dr. Briggs agrees wert us.' Whether Dr. Briggs agrees selves before you attempt to convert us. Whether Dr. Briggs agrees or disagrees with certain statements in the Westminister Confession — which, itself, sadly needs revision in my judgment—the entire movement is a mistake and highly prejudicial to the interest of Christ's kingdom. In addition to the wisdom of this anti-heresy movement I believe it will defeat the very purpose for which it was inaugurated, for it will be national notoriety to the principles of higher criticism for which he stands, and thus bring it down to the masses. "Dr. Briggs represents a growing party in "Dr. Briggs represents a growing party in the Church of God—a party which believes in obtaining all possible light upon the Scriptures and that is sure to win. This

Scriptures and that is sure to win. This learned and conscientious professor is simply a martyr to the cause of religious progress. Whatever may be done with him, and heresy hunters do very queer things at times, the principle of higher criticism for which he stands is certain to prevail in course of time.

"Dr Briggs is a man of the age, an inaugurator of a new era in the history of the American church. He will be remembered centuries after his persecutors lie forgotten in the grave."

in the grave. Another One Defends the Profess In his prelude talk yesterday the Rev Thomas Dixon, Jr., discoursed on the "Religious War Against Prof. Briggs." "The religious war that has been brewing for a religious war that has been brewing for a generation," said he, "has now fairly begun. The dear old solemn owls composing the Presbyterian Sanhedrim of New York have delivered their verdict. Prof. Briggs must be arraigned and tried for thinking-a crime

be arraigned and tried for thinking—a crime for which they look up and truly thank God they are guiltless. The Protestant religious world has been rapidly dividing into two great classes during the past few years—those who think and those who believe it is a crime to think.

"I defy any man who thinks to take "Shed's Dogmatic Theology," believe it and Reason keep her throne. The lunatic asylum would certainly be his home."

Mr. Dixon found four issues involved in the heresy trial; human tradition against divine progress; human dogmatic assertion against the religion of the Bible; a paper creed against a vital religion, and slavery against freedom.

"The men who make this fight," cried Mr. Dixon, "make no intelligent appeal to the Bible. They simply use the Bible as a bludgeon. With the bigness or the type and paper and binding they try to beat out the brains of those who refuse to bow down to a little god they have created in their own

brains of those who refuse to bow down to a little god they have created in their own way. They appeal to human dogmatics and propose to try him by standards made by numan hands. They propose to try him for heresy for undermining the Bible; at the same time refuse to confine themselves to its teachings for the standards by which to conduct the trial.

"This fight means reason against stupidity, mis-called faith. Faith is a moral act of the soul, and is utterly foreign to the pious stupidity which rejoices in swallowing dogmatic contradictions and absurdities. This fight means a battle for the very life of Christianity with its misled but earnest defenders."

REPORTERS NOT BARRED.

A Norwegian has just discovered a new

substitute for ivory. On a pinch there are Americans who have found matches or beans

Chicago Post.]

a fair substitute.

The United Presbyterian Ministers Discusa Very Interesting Question. CHARLES W. TAYLOR, who died last week, had been the leading Justice of the Peace at Minersville, Pa., for the past 25 years. He was prominent in Republican political circles in Schuylkill county, He was 74 years old. The question as to whether the repo should invade their meetings was the chief question before the United Presbyterian ministers yesterday. It was called up by a resolution presented by Rev. T. W. Young to exclude the press from

JOHN P. PFEIFFER, for many years leader of the

but it could hardly be said to have been de-bated, as the large majority of the ministers favor the idea of having the reporters swell the audiences they address. A vote was taken and only 4 out of about 30 voted to close the door in their faces. Rev. R. M. Russell read an exhaustive pa-per on the "Tithing Law." It proved so in-teresting and entertaining that it was unan-imously decided to request its publication in the church paper. The question to be dis-cussed next week will be "What Lesson May We Learn from Dr. Talmage as a Preacher?" Naval Academy band, died in Annapolis Sunday, aged 75 years. A pension of \$72 a month was recently awarded Mr. Pfeiffer. He proved that his loss of sight began while writing music for the use of the Naval Academy band when he was the leader.

THE PLAY'S THE THING.

Fanny Davenport as Cleopatra-A Magnifi cent Spectacle-Realism in Two Modern Melodramas, the Patrol and the Midnight Alarm-Variety and Other Entertainments

"Cleopatra" as presented by Fanny Daven port and her associates at the Grand Opera House last night is a magnificent spectacle. Nothing like it for scenic splendor and genlong while. Taking it as a spectacle we have nothing, but praise for it; whatever fault may be found with play, or the performers. It is worth while to see "Cleopatra," is for nothin; else, to see the typhoon scene with its intensely natural picture of element-al fury. The trouble last night was that with everything else the intermissions were of magnificent proportions, and the per-formance rolled grandly on till nearly midnight. The play is in six acts, and the scenery for each of these is heavy and con scenery for each of these is heavy and com-plicated to an extraordinary degree. Still there is no reason why the play should not consume much less time after the novelty of the first night's performance has been overcome. A testimony to the play's inter-est is the fact that in spite of tedions waits

est is the fact that in spite of tedious waits and the final approach of another day very few of the audience left the house before the conclusion of the piece.

"Cleopatra" is an English version of Sardou's play in which Bernhardt has also appeared. It is not a great play, nor even a moderately good one. There is a lack of continuity in the plot, and the dramatic art has been ruthlessly sacrificed here, there and everywhere for the sake of spectacular effect. As far as the adherence to history goes Mr. Sardou has probably kept as close to all the known facts—and they are none too many nor too clear close to all the known facts—and they are none too many nor too clear—as Shakespeare in his play, "Antony and Cleopatra," which, by the way, is practially less actable than Sardou's by a very great deal, and the weakest of all the bard's historical tragedies. Sardou has not taken very much from Shakespeare, and he has shown excellent taste in selecting what he has taken. The scene in act III., wherein Cleopatra obtains from a terror-stricken messenger a description of Antony's new wife, Octavia, and vents her jealousy in sarcastic comments upon her rival's attributes, is borrowed almost verbatim from Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra. "The natural humor of this episode, a relief after the outburst of wild rage which it succeeds, is Shakespeare's, not

after the outburst of wild rage which it succeeds, is Shakespeare's, not Sardou's—and the language in which Cleopatra's scornful interpretation of the messenger's description, the most telling perhaps in the play, is Shakespeare's to a considerable extent also. There are other strong scenes of Sardou's own, but the ingenuity of the great French dramatist seems to have failed him in certain places where he might have been expected to shine. For instance, how ridiculous is Cleopatra's concealment (?) in Mark Antony's bridal bed at Actium. If the author was resolved to have Cleopatra overhear Antony's bridal bed at Actium. If the author was resolved to have Cleopatra overhear Antony's connubial cooings with Octavia, and in plain sight of the audience, and everybody else, show the tempestuous course of her passionate resentment, he might have given her a better platform than an old four-poster bed and three towaled pillows. The situation stopped but little short of the comic, and a great deal of the glamour of Cleopatra's charms was rubbed off as she tumbled about in a neglige red dress under and over and around the big bed. bed.

And what manner of Cleopatra is it that
Fanny Davenport brings to us? Not the subtle, sinuous shadow of an unholy beauty that

history and the poets have but faintly limned, leaving half to be imagined. Rather a very substantial woman of warm, deep passions and veins well filled with red passions and veins wen lifed with whom blood; a queenly woman, if you will, whom Tennyson's description might fit in good Tennyson's description might fit in good part; a character compounded of heaven and hades, with flashes of light from both places. It is impossible to believe that Cleopatra was the woman Miss Davenport makes her with Sardou's help, but the creation has no little charm of its own, and the physical appeal of this Serpent of the Nile is undeniably strong. The dressing, or rather the undressing, of the part has to be a feature of the character, and Miss Davenport's solitary clinging garment, or the transparent gauxy robe she and Miss Davenport's solitary clinging gar-ment, or the transparent gauzy robe she wears at her first entrance in the inter-

wears at her first entrance in the interview with Antony, cannot be said to conceal very much. The question of propriety here arising involves the whole play, but while it is on dangerous ground the drama is not offensive in any great degree. The lesson it might serve to teach is the old one which Cleopatra and her kind have always taught sinners and fools who followed them. The end of the easy descent is shown plainly enough.

Melbourne McDowell has a superb physique to recommend him in his embodiment of Mark Antony, and some other attributes of his befit the character of the Roman consul. In several episodes Mr. McDowell rose to real tragic power, but he has

by easy stages slopeward.

W. S. McGinnis, Assistant Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, inspected the local wagon and messenger service yesa regrettable tendency to be theatrical in his gestures, and, when representing any intense feeling, talks so fast as to be unintelligible. In a lesser degree Miss Davemport, at times, had this latter fault, also; but she showed rare elocutionary talent in the relation of an Egytian legend in the second act. Theodore Roberts, as Kephren, a slave of Cleopatra, was the only notable actor besides the two principals, and his work was exceeding artistic and worthy in every respect.

Every scene in the play is a picture of considerable beauty. The advent of Cleopatra's barge at the mouth of the Cydnus, if not an exact realization of what Shakespeare and a host of painters have tantalized us with, was managed with a wonderful skill, so that the stage was abhaze with color, and the oriental idea of Cleopatra's atmosphere was suggested in a score of ways. The views of Egyptian temples, the seashore and the desert and the holy Nile, which subsequent scenes unfolded, were wonderfully real and beautiful. The climax was the storm scene, Cleopatra standing on the steps of the Temple of Isis prays for a storm to confound her enemies. The storm comes; the furious typhon of the desert, with its wind and sand and rain wound in a weapon of awful splendor and destructiveness. The storm is reproduced with exact fidelity. You see the skies white with lightning, the palm trees bending before the wind, the thunder roars, and the wind seems to whistle through the wings. A large audience gave the play a hearty reception.

ception.

At the Bijou Theater last evening "The Midnight Alarm," a realistic comedy-drams in five acts, made a decided hit. It is full of life and action from start to finish, and was well staged. The locality is New York City and the time the present. The characters are well defined and the various scenes and incidents fairly natural. In the fourth act is introduced a scene at the truck house. Suddenly the alarm strikes and out dashes the Hayes truck, followed by engine and hose carriages, the whole forming a very realistic and exciting episode. Frederick Julian as the villian Silas Carriagford made the hit of the evening, and in the third act his work is especially fine when Carriagford discovers the loss of papers which he depends upon to make a fortune. Thos. Bridgeland was a manly hero. W. W. Bittner played the old farmer well. George T. Hall and George Scott ably sustained the comedy element, and Kate Pearson as Sparkle, "a gleam of sunshine," the heroine, made a pleasing impression. The house was large and appreciative and will do a large May business. and the time the present. The characters

The Duquesne Theater. Mr. Scott Marble, who has heretofor

traveled in the paths of comedy, has con-structed a strong melodrama in "The Patrol," and one destined to be a great financial success. The cast embraces names financial success. The cast embraces names well known to all theatre-goers, and from the leading part to the most insignificant, all are well taken. Mr. Handyside as the Coptain of Police. Mr. Handyside as the Coptain of Police. Mr. Handlton as Bell, Mr. Anderson as the French Detective, and Mr. Carpenter were all good. Miss Alice Fischer as the Adventuress, was charmingly clever, and Miss Blanche Seymour as "Succeter" was exceptionally good. Miss Willett gave a natural Laura and Miss Merton as the wife of Braden gave dignity to a small part. Among the bits of character refreshingly real was that of Herbert Jones as the tramp in the station house scene. Of course, Luke Schoolcraft was funny. The realistic feature of the performance was the patrol barn scene. The alarm and the hitching of the horses and their wild dash from ing of the horses and their wild dash from the stage, and their return in answer to a call from an actual patrol box was a scene of realism long to be remembered

Harris' Theater. Clem. C. Magee has so long been a favorite with vaudeville entertainment patrons that

he will doubtless do a good week's business he will doubtiess do a good week's business at this-house, whore, with a tolerably fair company, he began a week's engagement vesterday, in a farce comedy entitled "Irish Luck." The play was simply put together to furnish an excuse for the introduction of a number of specialties, including skirt dancing, singing, dancing and lightning crayon sketches.

Notes of the Stage. THE new performance and exhibition of curiosities at Harry Davis' Museum attract-ed large audiences. THE World's Museum has a new bill and a

great many good things in it which a host of people enjoyed yesterday. THE Emma Juch Company has finally

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The grave dug to receive the body of William P. Weidner, of Lehigh county, will feet long and 9 feet wide. -A fine pussy cat in a Chester, Pa., fam-

fly jumped for a rat, caught its neck ribb on a nast and strangled to death. -A resident of New Moorefield, O., has a

cat which has adopted an infant skunk and is as attached to it as to her own kittens. THE large advance sale of seats for the GilnoreB and concerts to-morrow afternoon and evening indicates that the people of -Wheeling, W. Va., is proud of a coland evening indicates that the people.
Pittaburg appreciate popular music. Gilmore is noted for playing what the public
want, and the programmes this time show
that he will not depart from his rule now.
He will be assisted by Campanint, Natale
Mand Powell, Ida Klein, Spigaroli, Sartori
Anna C. Mantell and the May Festival mati

ored man who eats nothing but lamp chim-neys and live chickens, if he can get them. -A hen which grows a mustache every spring and sheds it each following fall is one of the able-bodied curiosities of Atchison,

—A four-legged chicken has been pur-chased by the bulls of the New York Stock Exchange. It is hoped the fowl will prove to be a mascot.

Hong Kong colony, the Government pro-poses to take up and urn Chinese unclaimed dead buried for five or six years. -The biggest orange tree in Louisiana is

-The first word spoken through the Lon-

away as vapor, the amount of salt remaining would be enough to cover 5,000,000 square miles with a layer one mile thick.

Goshen, Ind., complained for several months of an acute pain in the side, and the surgeon being consulted, a needle was extracted which the lady swallowed when a little girl, nearly 40 years ago.

-The depth at which some of the Belgian coal mines are worked is something pro-digious. In a pit at Flenu the work is now done at 3,700 feet; in a pit at Fremerin at 2,800 feet, and in the St. Andre pit at Mon-tigny-sur-Sambre at 3,000 feet.

violin out of it. The other day, for a caller, he executed a reel, while his father, 68 years old, danced to the music in a manner that would test the powers of a young fellow of 20 years.

-Under the Dakota statutes a man who robs a stage can be sent to prison for life. If

House at Trenton, Ga., offers an excellent view to witness the execution. Stop at the Blank House, Trenton, Ga., when visiting the hanging, May 15. Can see all from windows. Gallows within 150 yards. Meals 50 cents." where he conducte his stenographic business, will become a benedict on the third day of June. Miss Gregg, of Allegheny, formerly of Wheeling, is the bride-elect. It is to be a home wedding, and as early in the evening as a dress suit is permissable. The young couple will depart on the evening train for Niagara Falis and other points of interest in the East.

subjects in the 18 provinces of his empire.

At the ceremony 18 pairs of candles are burnt, and the name of each province is marked on each pair. Any of the candles that burn badly signify that such provinces as are named will suffer great calamities—sickness and the like.

-The biggest cocking main ever fought in South Carolina was concluded in Charles-ton the other day. It was between South

-A report comes from Leadville of the discovery of an arrow head, made of tempered copper, and of a number of human

communication between England and France provides for a double water-tight tracks, and sunk about 40 feet in the channel, the engineer proposing this method proposes to utilize the displacement and buoye ancy of the tube to give the necessary support, piles being driven into the channel, to which the tube would be chained to prevens

-A citizen of Stamford, Conn., has been driven insane by his young lady neighbor practicing on the piano, and his mania took a very queer form. When it seized him, he went to all the piano dealers in the town and ordered them to send costly instruments to ordered them to send costly instruments to the young lady's house at intervals of half an hour. As he was rich, his odd orders were complied with, and the young woman, despite her objections, had ten instruments blocking the street in front of her house, besides two in the parlor and one in the hall,

-While a fair young daughter of York, Pa., was serenely seated in her aerial bedamber the other night, weary with the toils of the day, about to doff her wrap and away in the room. Its truthful tones had not been heard for half a century, when all at once its wheels began to vibrate, and the old familiar gong sounded out the time of night—11 o'clock. It did not strike or "tick" again, but stopped, not to go again. The alarm is a mystery, and the timid Jassie awaits in breathless silence the sequel of the occasion.

SOME FUNNY THINGS.

against worrying her husband too much, and con-cluded by saying: "My child, a man is like an egg. Keep him in hot water a little while, he may boll soft; but keep him there too long and he hard

One of the earlier yeomen of Bridgeton

"These firemen must be a frivolous set," said Mr. Spillkins, who was reading a paper, "Why so?" "I read in the paper that after the fire was under control the fremen played all night on the ruins. Why didn't they go home and go to bed like sensible men, instead of romping about

AFTER BYRON. The maidens are coming like lambs to the

fold, With their bathing suits gleaming with purple and

"Always aim a little higher than the mark," says a philosopher. What! Kiss a girl on the nose! Never, -darian Daily Times. Guest-How is this? My bill this time is

and literary matter. We wish ourselves many happy returns of the day, and if we Ma day; and last December I had the same room now .- Boston Courier.

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15 cents per week, or, including Sunday Edition, at 20 cents per week.

THE STREET ACTS. The signing of the street and curative bills by Governor Pattison puts the city recovery from the muddle in which it has been struggling ever since the decision of

the curative law.

sign the petition before they can sell their property. The future is not quite so clear with re

their assessments. Under the terms of the act it will take

The idea of a monster picnic for the school children, as outlined in our local

There may be a few who will say

'Jubilee Day" be made.

The experience of the French lecturer who last week undertook to expose to an Siberian prison methods is illustrative of a general trait of human nature. No one disputed the accuracy of his statements; proposed cheers for Russia, which were given as a complete response to the lecturer's comments on Russian prison

think of arguing that it would disprove a scientific assertion to call, on the people to shout against it. But scientific men, from the days of those who frowned down Columbus, are likely as any other kind. Consequently, this specimen of the class-with the exuber- try that the Russian financial campaign did

OUR MAIL POUCH. A Briggs Critic Criticized

To the Editor of The Dispatch: In the criticism of "Dr. Briggs on the Bible" by Dr. Sutherland, as reported in this morning's Disparch, he says the "urgent bold speech" of Christ, "without one word of bold speech" of Christ, "without one word of caution," was "Search the Scriptures." This text, John v., 39, is one of the most doubtful interpretations in the New Testament, and is the one on which Dr. Briggs could most safely rest his case. If those who are interested in the discussion of this question ruised by Dr. Briggs will the New Yersiegs. get a copy of the New Version Scriptures they can see that this text so con-fidently quoted is changed from the impera-live to the indicative mood, and reads: "Ye do

indentity quoted is changed room the imperative to the indicative mood, and reads: "Ye do
search the Scriptures because ye think that
in them ye have eternal life," and then
Christ adds as a rebuke of such "thinking,"
"Ye will not come unto me that you may
have life."

In Lange's great Commentary, after giving
the arguments in favor of the imperative
mood, he says: "These arguments are in
themselves insufficient, and must give way
to the one consideration that the connection
and natural sense of the passage as a whole
requires the indicative. Among Bible critics
of ancient and modern times, who agree
with the New Version in not adopting the
imperative, "Search the Scriptures," as
given by Dr. Sutherland, may be found such
names as Cyril, Erasmus, Beza, Bengal,
Lucke, Meyer, Heny, Dodridge, Olshausen,
Barnes and many others. In view of this
conflict of sentiment among Bible critics,
the counsel of the Church, in which the
writer has long been a minister, "Not to attempt to settle doubtful questions by doubtful texts," seems to be especially applicable
to the Briggs controversialists at this time.

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FOR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. The Trans-Mississippi Congress to Meet Denver To-Day.

DENVER, May 18 .- The Trans-Mississippi ongress will meet at the Fifteenth Street Theater to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Seven hundred delegates have already arrived, among them President H. M. Frisback, of Fort Smith, Ark. Every incoming train brings additional delegates and by to-morrew morning it is expected over 1,000 will have arrived together with as many isitors.
The object of the congress is to unite The object of the congress is to unite the people of the States and Territories west of the Missispip river for the promotion of their commercial interests. Among the questions to be discussed will be:
"Legislation Affecting Commerce, Transportation and Finance;" "Improvement of Waterways, Lake, Gulf and Pacific Ports;" "Marlets for Western Products;" Promotion of Manufacturing and Agricultural Interests." "Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands;" "Western Mineral Lands and Their Development;" "Cause and Effects of Business Combinations and Their Uses;" Reciprocity and International Trade Extension;" "TheIndian Question and Opening of Indian Lands," and such other subjects as may be worthy of consideration.

An Inter-State Commerce Trip. WASHINGTON, May 18 .- Beginning May 18, nter-State Commerce Commissioners Mor-ison, Bragg, Veazey and Knapp will make a

frout to the Pacific coast and return, and ear cases and make investigations at vari-us points on the route. PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

G. M. Gardner, superintendent of the G. M. Gardner, superintendent of the Mono Mining Company, of this city, left yes-terday via the Lake Erie road, for Pitkin, Col. William Adams, the Southside glass man, is treasurer of the company, and he, with several others, will go out in a few

the Union Depot last evening to receive the body of Albert S. Black, who died of con-gestion of the lungs at Washington. Black is a brother of Mrs. Inghram, and formerly was assistant cashier in the Waynesburg Bank. J. C. Herold and wife, of Little Rock

Judge Inghram, of Waynesburg, was at

registered at the Duquesne last evening. Mr. Herold was a former Pittsburger, and went to school with C. L. Magee. He hasn't been in the city for seven years, but during that time, he says, the place has grown wonderfully. Charles H. Nutt, representing the Ladies' Home Journal of Philadelphia, a phenomenal publication which is a visitor to nearly a million homes, is at the Anderson. He leaves for the West this evening, going

Mrs. August Fecke, of 1402 Carson street Southside, yesterday started on a trip to Germany in company with her 10-year-old son. She expects to visit her parents and

and will be gone four months. Among those who went to Harrisburg last evening were A. C. Robertson, Adjutant General McClelland, Mr. Giles, W. C. More-land and Dick Quay.

O. A. Lappe started for Europe vesterday to spend a year. He will be in England dur-ing the summer, and put in the winter in Germany and Egypt. C. A. Egley, commercial agent for the Queen and Crescent route, is on one of his nonthly visits to this territory after routeht. Coroner Heber McDowell and Mrs. Mc-

Dowell returned yesterday from a trip to Eastern cities and the seashore. General A. J. Warner, of Marietta, and Thomas Sutton, an Indiana banker, are at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. H. M. Horton, of Pomeroy, and A. J. Packard, of Youngstown, are stopping at the Monongahela House.

Alonzo Loring, the ancient Wheeling nail manufacturer, was at the Monongahela House yesterday. William Garrett, Secretary of the Illinois teel Company, is at the Duquesne. He is here Postmaster McKean left for Norfolk las evening to attend a land sale.

E. A. Hess departed yesterday on a busi

Collector Warmcastle returned from Har risburg yesterday. Mayor Wyman left yesterday for Ohio on

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE. Colonel Robert McFarlane. Colonel Robert McFarlane, a promin Colonel Robert McFarlane, a prominent hardware merchant of Bellefonte, died suddenly yesterday. Colonel McFarlane had a war record. When the Rebellion broke out he raised Company G. One Hundred and Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was elected its Captain. One month after he was made Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment, James A. Beaver at that time being Colonel. Colonel McFarlane served in that capacity for two years, having command of the regiment most of the time, in one notable instance at the battle of Gcttysburg, when Beaver was in the hospital. Mr. McFarlane was discharged on a surgeon's certificate in November, 1863. At the time of his death he was 63 years of age.

LONDON, May 18 .- Lord Edward Caven dish, youngest son of the Duke of Devonshire, and member of Parliament for West Devonshire, died to-day from the effects of an attack of influenza, Lord Edward Cavendish was the only surviving prother of the Marquis of Hartington and Lord Frederick Cavendish, who was murdered at Phœnix Park, Dublin, He would have succeeded to the dukedom of Devonshire had he outlived the Marquis and had the latter died childless.

Lord Edward Cavendish.

Obituary Notes. BLAISE SOULES, one of the best known railroad men in Connecticut, died at his residence in Barne-gat on Saturday night, aged 67 years.

He was 74 years old.

WILLIAM F. GRAHAM, editor of the Meriden
(Conn.) Republican, dled Sunday, after a long illness, of consumption, aged 46 years. Mr. Graham
had been a resident of Meriden for II years, and for MISS SUSAN COLLINS died at Norwich, N. Y., on Wednesday, in the 55th year of her age. She was born in Rhode Island, of Quaker parentage, and she lived the serene and plous life enjoined by that faith. She retained her faculties in a remarkable degree to the day of her death.

HON. EDWARD JOHNSTON, an eminent lawyer, and an uncle of District Attorney Johnston, of this city, died yesterday at his home in Keokuk, In. District Attorney Johnston received the intelligence in a dispatch yesterday morning. Mr. Johnston was for many years a Judge on one of the lowa circuits. He migrated West when quite young. He was at the time of his death in his 724 year,

many creditors are chasing him hard, MS. E. D. Wilt among them.

nee. At the matinee all the school childre of Pittsburg and Allegheny will be admitte for 10 cents apiece. This includes the chi dren of Catholic and other sectarian school

SOCIETY AND CHARITY.

A Housewarming Opens the Hostetter Man

sion on Fifth Avenue.

Yesterday afternoon the portals of the magnificent Hostetter residence on Fifth avenue, were for the first time thrown open

the social world. The event was in

nature of a housewarming, as well as a pleasing attention to the Misses Friesse, of New York, guests of the hostess, Mrs. D

Herbert Hostetter. Nature and art vied with each other in their efforts to beautify

the home, and the result was charming in the extreme. Costly and exquisite vases

urns and mantels, bloomed with the love liest of fragrant flowers. Rare painting

and antique furniture, with luxurious car pets and window drapings completed th

FLOWERS in garlands and bouquets for

Upon the platform were seated represent tive ministers of the Presbyterian denomin

tions, while the auditorium was well filled

with members and friends of the congrega-tion. It was the last day of the Quarto-Cen

ennial celebration of the church's history-

a sort of nine-day wonder," because the en

thus as m and interest in the occasion were maintained without abatement for that length of time. The services last night included an address by Rev. Prof. D. B. Willson, D. D., of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, on his recollections of the church. Of the members of the Conference of his childhood days but one is left, and of the next following generation of cleryways he is the only one performing

T. Patterson, and a young man of wide ac-quaintance in and about the Court House,

where he conducts his stenographic bus

A HIGH noon wedding in Pittsburg is not an

unconmon event, but a midnight wedding is quite so. However, there is to be one shortly. Miss Moorhead and her flance, Mr. Van

Social Chatter.

THE ladies of the W. C. T. U. will give lawn fete and supper at the Howard plac on South street, Wilkinsburg. Thursday an Friday evenings. There will be all sorts camusements and plenty of refreshment and there is every indication that the occasion will be a very enjoyable one.

A MEETING will be held this afternoon in

Carnegie Hall lecture room, in the interes of the proposed Young Woman's Christian Association, of Allegheny.

"The Modern Deborah; or Woman's Rights and Woman's Wrongs," is the subject Rev. C. E. Locke will lecture on at the Smithfield Church this evening.

MISS ELEANOR M. ABTHUR, of Henderson Hill, will bid adieu to friends before her de parture for Dansville, with a reception this

WASHINGTON and Jefferson College Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club will give a con-cert to-night in Dilworth Hall.

Tuz dedication and reception of the Hom for Aged People at Fair Oaks took plac

yesterday.

Lieutenant Grarry Circle No. 7 will celebrate its seventh anniversary this evening.

The Southside Medical Society will enjoy a boat excursion and basket picnic to-day.

Mrs. A. E. Clark was hostess yesterday afternoon to a delightful card party.

A concear will be given to-night in St. Michael's Hall.

ODD FELLOWS IN COUNCIL.

Election of Officers.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

LANCASTER, May 18.—The annual session of

the Grand Encampment I. O. O. F., of Penn-sylvania, opened at 9 A. M. to-day with prayer by Grand High Priest Richard, H.

An Editor's Birthday.

The 21st of this month is the birthday of

the editor of this paper. We are 53 years old-at least. Valuable presents may be for-

warded to us at your expense, but we are well supplied with flower and garden seed

Delta (O.) Atlas.]

Opening of the State Encampment and

evening.

E. D. Wilt among them.

THE Fay Foster English Gaiety Company at Harry Williams' Academy is not especially strong, but the wonderful balancing feats of Vanola are worth going to see.

THE May Festival chorus is called for re-hearsal at Old City Hall at 7:30 this evening, for the Gilmore concert. Members having copies of the "Creation" are requested to bring them.

-Burial ground being very scarce in

claimed to be in Terrebone parish. It is 15 feet in circumference and 50 feet high. The yield this year is expected to reach 10,000

don-Paris telephone was the old English word "Hello." So was the second, third, fourth and fifth. The sixth had the sylla-bles reversed. -One of the milder claims to future

greatness advanced by Pittsburg, Kan., is that beneath the surface of that town there still remains \$552,000,000 worth of coal, at the lowest calculation. -It has been reckoned that if the whole ocean were dried up, all the water passing

pets and window drapings completed the background of elegance, for the many lovely ladies that were on it outlined. Guests to the number of 300, in the very ideal of exquisite costuming paid their respects to the charming hostess and passed a few words with the ladies receiving, who were Mrs. Allen Wood, Mrs. Herbert Dupuy, Mrs. E. W. Gerdes, the Misses Gerdes, Mrs. Woodwell, Miss Susie Dilworth, Miss Louise Dilworth and Mrs. Frank Nicola. -A large number of Manchester, N. H., people, old and young, are saving all the 1 cent pieces of the issue of 1891 on the curtous rumor that the Government has called in all the cent pieces of the 1891 series. -The wife of a clergyman in New tooned and flanked the pulpit of the Eighth Street Covenanter Church last evening.

> -A 12-year-old youngster at Robinson, Me., went to the woods four weeks ago with his ax and felled a rock maple, and made a

-A Georgia editor says: "We came arross a snake a few days ago that surpassed anything in the snake line we have ever seen. The reptile was no larger than a lead pencil, but was about 9 or 13 feet long, and its head was about the size and shape of a tea saucer. On top of its head was an exact likeness of a tiger."

is left, and of the next following generation of clergymen he is the only one performing ministerial functions. He was followed by Rev. Dr. W. J. Robinson on "The Covenanter Church and Reforms," and according to him the church is 50 years ahead of others in reforms, while it might be an equal distance in the rear on some doctrinal matters. Rev. Dr. J. W. Sproull, son of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Sproull, the old pastor of the "Union congregation," kept at home by an enfeebled constitution, spoke for his father and himself. During his delivery he declared, with great earnestness and force, that the "Covenanters are not narrow minded, nor biggotted; they grant to their ministers the very widest latitude of belief—so long as they remain true to the Covenant." The concluding address "The Covenanter Church he attacks but fails to get any plunder, he can be sentenced for half a lifetime. In a case where a judge figured that 15 years was half a life, the Supreme Court has upset the sentence, figuring that 19 years, 7 months and 4 days is the correct figure. they remain true to the Covenant." The concluding address "The Covenanter Church and Her Mission, as Seen by a Friend," was delivered by Rev. Dr. I. N. Hays. -A colored man was hanged at Trenton, John Patterson, a son of Attorney David Ga., the other day. The landlord of a hote in that little town, advertised as follows: "Are you going to the hanging? The Blank

> -It is customary for the Emperor of China to offer prayers every New Year's Day for the welfare and bright prospects of his

Mothen, are to become man and wife at—to Americans—that very unseemly wedding hour. The wedding will be conducted according to French principles, and will be solemnized in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. The invitations will be limited to the family connections and intimate friends. st.000 on each side and \$1,000 on the odd.
South Carolina won against Georgia and
North Carolina by a score of 8 to 10 after
three days fighting. Over \$17,000 changed
hands in the three days. The Casmian Literary Society, of the Allegheny High School, is preparing for an entertainment to be given next Friday evening, and is putting forth all its efforts to make the event such a success that its rivals will turn green with envey. Part first of the programme will be musical and literary and part second will be a German comedy translated. In the comedy a newly wedded couple figure. The music will be furnished by the Philharmonic Club.

bones, in the Rocky Point mines, near Gil-man, Col. The relics were disclosed 400 feet-beneath the surface of the earth, imbedded in a vein of silver bearing ore. More than \$100 worth of ore clung to the bones when they were removed from the mine. Here is a puzzle for the geologists. -The latest scheme for direct railway

The young men holding membership in the St. Paul's P. E. Church chapter of the Brothership of St. Andrew's will give a musical and literary entertainment in the hall of the Fourteenth ward public school building on the evening of June 4, the proceeds to go to the church building fund. The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Temperance Alliance of Alle gheny County will be held this afternoon in the Fourth United Presbyterian Church o Allegheny. Mrs. Frances L. Swift, the former president, is expected to speak. THE Woman's Wealth Protective Associa tion will meet at 11 oclock to-day in the Mercantile library rooms. A lawyer and a member of Councils will be present to dis-cuss the legal aspects of a fight with the smoke nuisance.

> Finally the madman was captured and the pianos returned, but the young lady has lay herself down upon her couch to enjoy the kindly embrace of Morpheus, she suddenly heard a strange noise, which affrighted and almost bewildered her. It was that of an old family clock which had been stored

A shrewd old lady cautioned her daughter

One of the earlier yeomen of Bridgeton was a pump maker, a good citizen, but with "no religious preferences," One day he was waited upon by one of the church assessors, who handed him a bill for the support of preaching. "I hain't heard no preaching," said the old man, somewhat surprised. "Well, brother, it's your own fault then," replied the churchman. "It's been accessible to all every Sabhath for a year." He paid, Not long after the parish received from him a bill for a pump. "We have bought no pump of you," was the answer, "Well, then," replied the old gentleman, with a twinkle in his eye, "it's your own fault, for I have been making them for years."—Leisten Journal.

"These firemen must be a frivolous set."

like children. - Texas Stillings.

prayer by Grand High Priest Richard, H. Graham. The reports of the Grand Chief Patriarch and Grand Scribe shows a gratifying increase. Sixteen new encampments were instituted and 78 new members admitted to the Grand Encampment. The relief paid out last year amounted to \$79,789 54, and for 20 years, \$1,238,404 50.

Officers were elected and installed as follows: Richard H. Graham, No. 47, Grand Chief Patriarch; F. V. Van Arsdalen, No. 115, Grand High Priest; George Hawkes, No. 26, Grand Senior Warden; James B. Nieholson, No. 101, Grand Seribe; John S. Helss, No. 26, Grand Treasurer: E. J. Grisman, No. 27, Grand Junior Warden; M. Richards Muckle, No. 51, Grand Representative, The Grand Encampment finished its session at \$30 p. M. The Grand Lodge convenes Tuesday at 9 o'clock. The parade of cantons, lodges, etc., at 2 p. M. will be a large one. gold,
And the light of their eyes is like stars on the sea.

Where the blue waves lave nightly the coast of
Jer-zee.

—Nuc Fork Heretid.

can pay our debts and serve the people ac-ceptably, continuing to give them the best paper in Fulton county at the lowest price, we trust they will join with us in the wish.