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NO INVESTIGATION WANTED.

The lower branch of the Legislature managed to put itself on record yesterday to almost as great an extent as the Senate has done. The prompt suppression of Mr. Wherry's resolution for an investigation into the methods of business in the Treas urer's and Auditor General's offices was a practical avowal that the majority in the egislature do not want any investigation into anything.

Facts known to the public place it beyond dispute that for some reason, whether through negligence, inefficiency or worse, about a million dollars of State funds have disappeared. It is also plain that, to let this sum accumulate in the hands of the Philadelphia City Treasurer, a very differthroughout the State. When this altera-

tion of methods produces a loss of a million from the public funds it is difficult to imagine any plainer call for investigation. But the motion for that purpose is promptly suppressed. The inerence seems to be clear that the political management which controls the Legislature has determined that the people may ose a million dollars; but the politicians have determined that the inside facts shall not be known.

As a climax to previous avowals that the Constitution shall not be enforced, and that the pledges of the Republican platform shall be nullified, this refusal to investigate the methods by which the State has lost a million dollars makes the record of the present Legislature tolerably complete. We would advise our statesmen to refrain from any additions to that record during the remaining forty-eight hours of the session.

SALISBURY'S WEAK PLEA.

Lord Salisbury's reported communica tion on the proposition for a closed season in sealing puts the boot on the other foot so far as the attacks on Secretary Blaine in the same connection are concerned. It was charged that the Secretary of State was nodging the closed season proposition in the interest of the North American Commercial Company. If the statements from Washington vesterday are not made out of whole cloth, the British Government

is divided into twelve parts, and ten parts of it are gone already and a half of a tenth part." On this basis the modern prophet and was fully answered by THE DISPATCH AS the time; but it is still floating around in re mote parts of the country. It is a weak in ion of the enemy. calculates that the twelfth part will in 1899, and nothing will then be left for ONLY one thing is more absurd than the the earth to do but to wind up business.

many people may question the plenary inspiration of Esdras. Besides the apoc-ryphal position of that sacred book, modern times have produced a plentiful lack of faith in mathematical calculations.

Not to speak of the mathematical inaccuracies of levanting bank officers, rail-road accountants and political returning boards, the elder generation will remem-ber when Cumming and Miller figured out from a regular concordance of scriptural quotations that the end of the world was

to have come thirty or forty years ago. There is one commendable point about Lieut. Totten's prediction. He does not leave any loophole open after the manne

of Wiggins and DeVoe, so that they claim the verification of a prpmised formado when the wind blows a full gale. If the world does not come to a complete smash by 1900 Prof. Totten will own that he made a mistake.

THE SAME EVERYWHERE.

The troubles growing out of the strike of the Paris omnibus drivers bears a close resemblance to experiences this country has had in street car strikes. This is interest-ing as indicating that human nature and the vital features of the wage problem are

the same in all the civilized countries. An overworked and probably underpaid class strike for improved wages. So far they are within their rights; but the dispute presently leads them, when the attempt is made to run the stages without them, into an attack growing to a riot. This gives the employing company a chance to ask that the Government shall detail troops and run their stages-a request which we are glad to see that the De Freycinet ministry had the good sense

to refuse. In one form or other this is the way the conflict is going on in both hemispheres. It is likely to continue until labor learns that its best protection is in the maintenance of law and individual rights, and until capital understands that its only ent method must have been pursued than is adopted with other collecting officials- just and liberal treatment of labor.

> GORMAN AND CLEVELAND. The New York Sun has given the put port of a conversation between Pres Cleveland and Senator Gorman during the

campaign of 1888. The statement is that Mr. Cleveland, regarding the outlook for the Democrats as unfavorable, sent for Schator Gorman and requested him to go to New York and take charge of the campaign work. Senator Gorman is reported to have agreed that the outlook was unfavorable, and to have said that he would go to work if the President would do three

things. Being asked to name his requirements, he stated them as follows; First-Mr. Pearson must be removed from the postofice in New York and a Democrat must be appointed in his place. Second-Mr. Graves must be removed from the posi-tion of Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and

Chicago, which resignation was tendered some time ago, and some unobjectionable Democrat must be appointed to that office. With the sequel that the President agreed to do the last but stated that he could not do the first two things, and that Senator Gorman thereupon replied, "Then we are beaten, and you have beaten us,

idea of the Roman Coliseum as a side show of the Chicago Exposition, and that is that Italy would let it be taken there. Bfore preparing for the termination of all earthly affairs on this authority a good

THE Duke of Marlborough's penchant for writing nice things about the United States has had its effect in inspiring the newspapers of this country to indorse the ducal essayist with enthusiasm. His Grace evidently understands the proper way to get on the soft side of the Tankee nation, and is doing it with an industry that indicates his de-sire to be ranked as the American Duke as well as the bushend of the American Duke as vell as the husband of the American

> ONLY two more days of legislative worl are left, but the prospects are fair that sev-eral days of active work by Governor Patti-son's veto pen will follow.

SINCE the United States Board on Geo graphic Names has completed its task and officially erased the superfluous "h" from the end of the name "Pittsburgh," there no longer remains an excuse for writing that extra letter. Everybody knows that the municipal name of the city has been "Pitts-burg" all along, and only the blunder of some long forgotten postal official has ever caused the name to be spelled otherwise.

Dr. BRIGGS is in luck. He has obtained the strong reinforcement to his position of having enlisted Colonel Elliott F. Shepard

on the other side.

THE Philadelphia papers are hinting very strongly that some big bugs as yet unnamed have got the plunder of the broken banks, and are calling upon those who know to name the names. The large fellows in plundering schemes generally get off soot free. If the Philadelphia explosion is to prove an excep-tion we fear our cotemporaries will have to do the naming of names themselves. Now we begin to discover that the equip-

ment of a municipal statesman cannot be re garded as adequate without a Complete Let Writer.

THE issue of an esteemed Philadelphia cotemporary just received contains its regular periodical editorial headed "Specuon and Trade." All its other editorials de not describe their subject in similar terms, but as they deal with a matter now occupy-ing exclusive attention in Philadelphia, they might appropriately be headed "Speculation and Bank-Smashing."

BLAINE's shoes may pinch his gouty feet.

but they would be plenty loose enough for any man who might try to be his successor

IN view of the fact that the Constitution requires the purpose of a bill to be clearly described in its title, there is pertinence in the suggestion of a Philadelphia paper that the sitle of the bogus ballot reform bill needs to be changed. It should be called "an act to nullify Republican promises, and turn over the ballot to the control of the machine

PERHAPS the prize fight at San Fran cisco checked the outflow of American gold to Europe.

THE announcement comes from Washing ton that the employes of the Census Bureau will give Superintendent Porter an ovation on his return from the Western wilds. Nothing is more gratifying than thes spontaneous and impromptu testimonials of esteem to a superior, when they are so care-fully worked up in advance, as this one.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

well as records.

HONEST government by honest people is winning campaign cry.

THE play's the thing-to corrupt morals and reduce revenues. this story of inside politics closes. From a IT does not pay as well to bank a furnac

merely party point of view, this story is more to the credit of Mr. Cleveland than as to bank the proceeds thereof.

statue pose than to see a ghost walk.

story that interests all concerned.

pride to her last city naul.

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statu quo.

coupons.

sleeves.

digestive organ.

never pays.

salary at all events.

not even submit to atmospheric pressure.

have an easy conscience and accor

PERSONAL POINTERS.

of much interest recently in Germany.

Major Helmuth, who was named after his

said to be a man of great learning.

A HARROWING tale-the account of the Mr. Gorman. The Maryland Senator had unfortunate who was dragged to death by a been charged by others than Mr. Clevebarrow.

BERING SEA POLICY.

Meeting of the Cabinet to Decide Upon It-Lord Salisbury Has a Propositionmored Retirement of Judges-A Precedent Set Aside.

(PROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) WASHINGTON, May M.-At the Cabinet

WASHINGTON, MAY AR-AND the Cabinet meeting to-day there was little of importance discussed, excepting the Bering Sea compli-cation, and that was somewhat timid and hampered on account of the absence of Secretary Blaine. It was necessary, how-ever, to push the matter as far to a con-clusion on account of the ever, to push the matter as in 80.8 con-clusion as possible, on account of the urgency of the seal-catching company for a decision. The time is at hand when they should begin operations, and they want to know whether they are to start out to take

know whether they are to start out to take \$0,000, 40,000 or 60,000 scalls, or whether Lord Salisbury is to govern the United States, and close the scal-catching for a season and allow the animals to breed undisturbed, and the Governments of the United States and Great Britain to incubate a solution of the

Great Britain to incubate a solution of the cuestion. To positive decision was reached, but it is probable the matter is left so nearly con-cluded that the President, without further consultation, may issue a proclamation at any time. It is quite certain that the catch of scale will be limited and probably to 20,000. The only hesitation on this score is on account of the bitter opposition to a limit by the influential company who have bought the monopoly. Their representatives are here and have been doing all in their power to assure them the liberty to make a big catch, even to the utmost number of 20,000. They argue that a closed season would entail a loss to the Government of \$600,000 royality on 60,000 pelts and also the expenses of the company, which would amount to \$75,000 or 1500,000 more, as the natives of the Frybiloff islands and the fleet of vessels would have to be maintained as though the work were in progress.

A Temporary Settlement.

It is said that within a day or two, by au-thority of Lord Salisbury, Sir Julian Pannos-fote has verbally suggested to the State De-partment that the matter be settled for this season by allowing the American Company to catch a sufficient number of scals to pay their expenses and agreeing that the Cana-dian sealers shall hold aloof entirely for the

season. This can't be positively substan-tiated, though THE DISPATCH correspondent tiated, though THE DISFATCH CORRESPONDENT is assured of its truth by what should be good authority. If it be true, it is admitted by some of the wisest persons who have given attention to the question that it would be an admirable expedient—a good thing for the seals and a good thing for both Govern-ments involved One of the strong argu-ments aclosed season is that the proposi-tion would have to be accepted by all mari-timo nations, as otherwise the vessels of any country except those flying the flags of Great Britain and the United States/could sail in and take seals at their pleasure. The

country except these flying the flags of Great Britain and the United States could sail in and take seals at their pleasure. The company insists there is now no time to effects uch an agreement and therefore that a closed season is impossible. Meanwhile the Canadians are going mer-rily along for a grand seal hund. It is known that 49 vessels, against 29 for inst year, have cleared from British American ports bound for the sealing paradise, notwithstanding the act of Congress staring them in the face, authorizing the President to arrest all ponching sealers. These 49 vessels have a tonnage of 1,200 tons, and a value of nearly \$50,000 more than the fleet of last year, and the additional havoo the 20 additional ves-sels will make, the whole fleet being so much stronger and correspondingly more impudent, can well be imagined. Alto-gether there is a prospect for a deal of trouble unless the administration agree to the temporizing proposition of Lord Salis-bury and ignore the risk of incursions among the seals of vessels of other nations. The Retirement of Judges.

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An impression prevails in judicial circles that several Circuit and United States Dis-trict Court judges propose before a great while to take advantage of section 714 of the Revised Statutes and go upon the retired Revised Statutes, and go upon the retired list with full pay. The statute provides that any United States judge shall be eligible for retirement after serving ten years upon the bench or upon reaching the age of 70 years. There are a number of these judges who are entitled to retirement, but the majority ap-pear to prefer to continue in active service. Circuit Court judgeships are very desirable appointments, and the President would probably like to have a few more plums of that class at his disposal just now. At the White Honse and Department of Justice nothing has been heard of the rumored wholesale retirement of Judges. Judge Lorenzo Sawyer, who was appointed on January 10, 1870, has grown weary of pre-siding over the Circuit Court of the Northern district of California, and has given notice that he proposes to retire. As a rule United States Judges remain on the bench until they become physically incepacitated for service. Judge Ogden Hofman, of the District Court of California, has been upon the bench since February 27, 1831, and although he is nast the

OPPOSED TO SHEEMAN. Ohio Farmers Do Not Want Him in Senate After His Present Term.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

[SPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATCE.] COLURNUS, MAY 26.—Prominent representa-tives are coming in to-night and the indica-tions are for a large attendance at the State convention of farmers' organizations to morrow. The leading officers of the secret and open Alliances, Grange and Farmers' Union are present, including J. H. Brigham. Grand Master of the National Grange. The principal topic of interest is the third party movement, and sentiment is about equally divided as to what should be done. All arree it is the proper course, but some doubt Affairs, Past and to Come. The three prominent literary clubs of the city, the Woman's Club, the Traveler's and the Woman's Press Club, will unite in taking a Wopsononock jaunt on the 19th of next month. Arrangements have been made whereby the excursionists will have a special car on the regular I o'clock train over the Fennsylvania road. They will "pat up" at the Logan House, Altoona, and from there, accompanied by the Press Club of Altoona, will visit the tip-top peak of the Alleghenies. A reception will be tendered the tourists by yhe Press Club on Friday evening. The trip will occupy three days, and husbands and prothers and best young men will be pro-miscuous in the party, they being included in the invitations.

movement, and sentiment is about equally divided as to what should be done. All arree is the proper course, but some doubt its expediency at this time. President Ellis, of the Farmers' Uuion, says he has commu-nications from a majority of the 120 Granges in the State and they favor the nomination of a ticket. Colonel Brigham says the third party movement will meet with strong opposition 18 the convention. Should it decide to support the idea, he does not be-lieve a ticket will be nominated at this sime, but a committee appointed to look after the selection of delegates. The leaders, General S. H. Hurst, Alva Agee and others, say it is no matter what the decision may be in regard to the nomi-nation of an independent licket the farmers are determined to nominate legislative can-didates in many of the counties and Sena-torial districts, and exact pledges from can-didates of the old parties in the others. Ellis, Brigham, Hurst and others were asked if the farmers held the balance of power in the next Legislature, whether they would vote for Sherman's return to the Senate and to consent to a caucus decree in his in-terest. The only ground on which they has their opposition to Sherman's held they has their opposition to Sherman's held they has their opposition to Sherman's that he has been in the Senate long enough and they eannot accomplish with him that which they desire. The leaders expect a strong fight over the platform.

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIANS.

Philadelphia Synod Befers in a Gentle Way

afternoon. Colonel W. C. Connelly reported that he had secured transportation and the party will leave at 8 Saturday morning for Jownstown. There will be about 50 people on the excarsion. The party will be enter-tained by A. J. Haws, who owns the lime kilns in which the newspaper correspond-ents made their headquarters, and the Cam-bria County Medical Society. The day will be spent in visiting the different points of interest, and the party will return to the city about 8:10 in the evening. Invitations were extended to the Flood Hellef Commis-sion, officials of the Pennsylvania road and all active newspaper workers on the daily papers. to Present Troubles. PHILADELPHIA, May 26.-At this morning's session of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America the report of the

Session of the heatormet Prespection Church of North America the report of the trustees of theological seminaries was pre-sented by the Secretary, S. R. W. McLeod. It stated that the endowment fund now amounts to \$44,373, which, wich the assessed value of the Lamb fund, now makes a total in the form of permanent investment of \$55,473. The existing difficulties in the Reformed Church Synod which opens in Pittsburg to-morrow was referred to as follows: Any-thing affecting the interests of theological education in the Reformed Presbyterian Church attracts our attention and enlists our consideration. Events transpiring among our former brethren acting under the same name we fear justify us in ex-pressing regrets that so many defections have occurred among our graduates, and that so many of theirs have been silenced by suspension from exercising their minis-try. It is gratifying to find that there are so many among them in sentiment with us. We would desire to hope that the reunion for which our fathers präyed and hoped was near at hand." Swarr pickles, cake, icecream, cold chicken, sliced ham, deviled eggs, biscuit and rolls were the subjects under discussion at the special meeting of the Woman's Club yester-day, instead of Russia in its various phases. The talk resulted in discovering an affinity between some one of the dedicacies men-tioned and each lady present that will be-come more apparent next Tuesday, when the club will close the season with a basket picnic at the lovely Edgewood home of its President, Mrs. C. I. Wade. The event is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasureable anticipation, as past experi-ences in the same line have been of the most delightful order.

hear at hand." At the concluding of the reading of the re-port, Mr. McLeod offered a resolution which was adopted, instructing the trustees of theological seminary to take into consider-ation the procuring of a permanent building for the theological seminary.

REPUBLICANS GET THERE.

Those in Martinsburg Elected Their Mer By a Vote of Three to One.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] MARTINSBURG, May 26.-At the elections yesterday the Republicans carried three out of five wards. John W. Martin, Republican, carries the First ward by 100 majority

Charles Lamar, Republican, is elected in the Second ward by 69 majority, and W. Kauf-mann, Republican, carries the Third by five majority. The Democrats carry the Fourth and Fifth wards, electing Edward Dick and George W. Schill, respectively. The election passed off quietly, and a large vote was polled. DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Mrs. Estelle Austin.

Mrs. Estelle Austin, known all over the

country as Barhum's strong woman, died in Worcester Monday, aged & years. She was a large child, and carly developed remarkable strength. At the age of 17 her form was well rounded out and At the age of 17 her form was well rounded out and she had arms and limbs of good size, with flesh and muscles like iron. She married Baron de Itallie, "the man with the iron jaw." an attache of the circus. Mmc. Austin's greatest feat in the circus was halancing on her shoulders and neck a cannon weighing 40 pounda, with a full-grown man stand-ing on each end. The men would then leap to the ground and the cannon would be loaded. Then a little boy, her adopted son, would mount the cannon and apply the fuse, discharging the cannon, Mme.

WEALTH OF THE STATE.

KING AND COURT FOOL.

Francis I., of France.

the King. "Sire, I am inscribing his Majesty the Em-peror of Germany as the biggest fool in the world."

world."
"And what will you do if I let him pass!"
"Sire, I should rab out his name and put yours down in its place."
We are not told whether Tribonlet kept his word; but not only did Charles Y. pass freely through the States of Francis I., but the King, who took his knighthood at the hands of Bayred, received him with such magnificencess to make his imperial Majesty dedare that if he were God the Father and had two son he would make one God and the other King of France.

Isn't It Nice?

It is a pity that the people of the north-west of the "settlement" in Franklin are so far behind the day in the matter of oscula-

tion. Why, the kissing of young ladies in Fulton is like the salute of turtledoves heard through a long distance telephone.

Of No Benefit, Anyhow.

As it now stands the Baker ballot bill (or what is left of it) might just as well be de-feated. Its provisions would be injurious in-stead of beneficial.

New Version of a Popular Story.

Williamsport Gazette.] The Bard's-lay and the Key's tone are evi-

dently set to the music of "Empty is the bank, boodle's gone."

Oh, No. It Shines First.

PROPLE WHO COME AND GO.

THE PITTERURG DISPATCH shines forth

ellsville Courier.]

new dress.

lisburg Democrat.]

litoons Times.]

The Latter's Last Lesson to the Forme

Harper's Magazine.]

SOCIETY'S BEALM.

An Outing for Three Prominent Literary Societies—Pleasing Entertainment at a Church-United States Tea-Other Social

TALENTED people were at a discount last by ening at the Butler Street M. E. Church, because the supply was entirely equal to the lemand and there was no stringency in the

lent market. The talent was not confined

talent market. The talent was not confined to the stage and the performers, but was em-bodied in many of the audience, who were attracted thither by the programmes out-lined for the concert. W. A. Lafferty di-rected the performance and Miss Florence Hostetter officiated as accompanist. The choral class that took part numbered 125 volces. The performers outside of the chorus were; C. E. Stewart, S. Hamilton, Theodore Salmon, Mrs. Allen, Miss George, Mrs. Beadle, W. C. Hamilton, Kate Mo-Mannis, Carrie Angell, C. E. Stewart, Lucy De Armit, George M. Murphy, Mrs. George Slonerod, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Lillic Chalmers, Miss Angell and Mrs. Allen.

A MERTING of newspaper writers who were at the Johnstown flood was held yesterday afternoon. Colonel W. C. Connelly reported

Swarr pickles, cake, iceeream.cold chicken.

Tax United States apparently have social

THE United States apparently have social aspirations and desire to get into the swim, as the saying goes. They will on next Thurs-day and Friday evenings, in the Sandusky Street Raptist Church, give a tea, for which universal invitations are extended. The guest of honor will be Brother Jonathan, and Uncle Sam will of course be host. The 13 original States, it is reported, will be a little exclusive and will not mingle with the rest of the Misses and Mesars. States. It is to be a great social success without doubt, as the entire family of States, 44 in all, are busy as husy can be making all arrange-ments, securing caterers, music and per-formers and outlining the programme.

THE rest of the churches in the city will

look with envy soon upon the Second Pres-byterian as it will within a fortnight don an

entire new dress that was not completed in time for Easter, but which will be of the

time for Easter, but which will be of the very latest in spite of the delay. The Sec-ond Presbyterian is feeling very gay those days, giddy, if it was anything else but a sanctuary, because last week the very hind-most dollar of a floating debt of \$2,000 was paid, leaving it entirely free from mortgages, hence it intends to put on a little style and announce its prosperity to the world in gen-eral.

apers.

Affairs, Past and to Come.

ease of Over \$52,000,000 in the Ag-

-A bedtime luncheon of lettuce induce gregate of Taxable Property. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) -The first negro bank in Richmond was

HARRISTING, May 2.—In his annual report the Secretary of Internal Affairs complains that dimoulties are encountered in the exe-cution of the State Weather Service Bureau, as well as the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The secret are during the opened a few days ago. -A clock in Battle Creek, Mich., has

been running for 100 years. -A Deadwood rancher shot a bear 14 times before a vital spot was reached.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A Florida woman was nearly poisone to death recently by accidentally inhall fea powder, which she was scattering abo

-Cores has a cave from which a wintry wind perpetually blows. The force of the wind is such that a strong man cannot stand before it.

-England's "great blizzard," which be-gan on the night of March 9 last, is to be honored to the extent of having a volume all to itself.

-A Georgia man in splitting wood one day found a hickory nut firmly embedded in the heart of the timber. How it came there is a mystery.

oution of the State Weather Service Bufeau, as well as the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The report says during the present administra-tion there has been a registration of more than 10,000 physicians, which returns have been received largely through the efforts of Dr. Lee, Scoretary of the State Board of Health. Some of the counties have not fully reported, and it has been found diffi-cult to execute the law, because no provis-ion has been made to compel the olarks of the different counties to make the returns, and no provision is made for compensation. The total number of taxables in the State, as returned in 1889, was 1,473,450, while that in 1800 is 1,445,175, showing a decrease of 98,305. It is proper to add that nearly every county shows an increase, such as might be expected from the growing population of the State, except Philadelphia. The total value of real estate has increased of \$740,505,135. There is an increase of 13,577 horses reported as subject to taxation and an increase of \$455,175 in their aggregate value. The number of cattle increased \$105 and their value \$15,066. The total amount of salaries increased from \$74,469,855 to \$76, 723,591. There is a decrease of \$25,733,743 in the aggregate value of property taxable for county purposes. The following counties have made the -Dr. Hinckle, of Americus, Ga., has a piece of chinaware 781 years old. The date, 109, is plainly stamped on the bottom, and its only flaw is a broken handle.

-An English head servant gave notice that he would leave for being excluded from the draing room during the family repast and thus losing the dinner's stories.

The following counties have made the greatest increase: Allegheny, \$1,684,019; Dauphin, \$2,355,660; Erie, \$1,743,814; Fayette, \$1,495,866; Philadelphia, \$100,238,100; There is a large increase in the amount of money re-ported at interest. In 1889 is was \$447,539,613, while last year it was \$512,049,906; an increase of \$54,110,290. -There is a mineral spring in Corea, the healing properties of which are believed to be miraculous. No matter what disease may allict the patient, a dip in the waters proves efficacious.

servations will be made upon all the students of the institutions of learning of the St. Petersburg court. -During the Russian scholastic season of

-Special cars for invalids will be placed on the railroad lines which run to St. Peters-burg. They will be fitted out with easy berths and surgical instruments that may be required in cases of accidents on the

One of the most brilliant pages of the annals of the Chateau de Chambord is that which recounts the visit of Charles V. to that royal residence in 1559. -A new sewing machine by a Welshman has no shuttle or bobbin. The thread is supto that royal residence in 1539. It will be remembered that the Emperor of Germany had requested Franci L's permission to traverse France on hi way to Ghent, where his subjects had jus broken out in revolt. Francis L, al though he had been very badly treated by the wily Emperor during his two years' cap tivity, resolved to take a noble revenge, am-granted the request. The whole court wer anxious not to lose the opportunity of ob-taining even by force a revocation of the piled directly from two ordinary spools, and sows through the assistance of a rotary looper. If is vasity more simple than any other sewing machine.

-A Hungarian woman, 31 years old, was

passenger in a canal boat that reached krooklyn from Kensington yesterday morn-Aroostyn from Aensington yesternay morn-ing. When the boat was made fast she and the boat's commander, aged 6, went arm-in-arm to a police court and were married. Neither could speak the other's language, so the ceremony, like the courting, had to be performed with the aid of an interpreter. ingives not to lose the opportunity of ob-taining even by force a revocation of the treaty of Madrid, which the King of France had signed under the severest compulsion. Triboules, the court fool, himself took the liberty of giving a practical lesson to the chivalrous monarch. The dwarf had tablets which he called *Le Journal des Fous* (The Fool's Journal), on which he entered the names of those whom he considered more foolish than himself. On hearing that Charles V. had set foot on French territory, he drew out his tablets and began to write. "What are you doing there?" demanded the King.

-The tomato is both a fruit and a vegetable. The common distinction between a fruit and a vegetable is that the former may

be caten raw, the latter cooked. But a b

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distinction having fewer exceptions, is that a fruit is sweet when ripe, while the vegeta-ble is not. Ferhaps a combination of the two distinctions makes the best definitions A fruit is sweet and may be eaten raw; a vegetable is not sweet, and needs to be

-One evening, W. T. Reeves, manager of

the Postal Telegraph Company, in Madison, Fia., found that his wires did not work be-

Fis., found that his wires did not work be-between that point and Greenesboro. In the morning Mr. Reeves started outs on an in-vestigating tour. When within six miles of Greenesboro he found two mammoth snakes hanging across the wires in such a manner as to connect the currents of each. The snakes had been killed, tied together, and hung out to bring rain, the work being done by darkies in the neighborhood.

by darkies in the neighborhood. —A railway across the ocean will be the next enterprise for modern genius to un-dertake. A French engineer some years ago wrote a paper in which he assumed that at a depth of say 600 feet the water of the ocean is of such density that it will sustain any object which can possibly be placed upon it, and then proceeded to propose the construc-tion of a railway across the Atlantic by sink-ing a continous line of iron tubes in which a double track could be laid for the running of trains from continent to continent.

-It has been reserved for an antipodean

nd with the duty of the car confesses that it is delaying acceptance of He occupied an active position on the Conthe proposal for fear of Ganadian criticism.

This attitude puts the British Ministry painstakingly in the wrong. On the pendng proposition the claims of the United States that Bering's Sea is a closed sea, or that the United States has the right to prohibited open water sealing as an act of piracy, do not appear. Indeed this proposition practically abandons those claims, and calls upon the British Government to join with the United States in protecting a caluable interest from extinction. To reply that the Salisbury Cabinet would really like to do this, but that it cannot do what it thinks is right for fear of the Canadians, is almost pitiful.

On this position the United States can afford to take a firm stand. The administration, with the responsibility for unregulated seal fishing placed on England, can advantageously appeal to arbitration to say which Government is right.

A VERDICT AGAINST ITSELF.

The termination of a trial in Chicago which is one of the echoes of the famous Cronin case, calls attention to the idiosyncrusies of the jury system. A newspaper there commented sharply on the action of a member of the jury named Culver in securing that famous verdict, which, by the very circumstances of the case, was impossible, if verdicts atm at the truth. Mr. Culver sued the paper for libel. The verdict was given in favor of the newspaper, thus leaving the position of the juror worse than before.

This case, in connection with New Orleans infamy, presents for public consideration the very significant picture of the jury system impeaching itself. At New Orleans it was the grand jury which formally declared that the trial jury in a murder case rendered a false verdict and betrayed justice. At Chicago one trial jury impeaches another. In the Intter instance the authority of one jury might be held to offset the other. But the important point is that here are two noted cases in which, by formal and legal findings in subsequent cases, the jury system places itself on record as having defeated justice.

Such a finding should demonstrate to every one the necessity of some reform in he jury system. As at present constituted it contains but slight assurance of justice, and when that is the case it is worse than useless. Whether it is necessary to abolish it altogether, or whether some reforms can he instituted to insure the character and in tion. But when the jury system convicts itself there is no room for disputing that something should be done.

TOTTEN'S WORLD TERMINATION. The prophecies of Professor and Lieutenant Totten with regard to the millennium and the end of the world have been rather mixed. First, the millennium would come in 1899, which indicated either a low standard for the millennium or an exceedingly rapid reformation of the world in the next eight years. But now we are told, that it is to come and end in that year, which suggests the idea that the only way to reform this earthly habitation is to wipe it out and start anew.

For this second prophecy Lientenant Totten gives his authority. It is the Book of Esdras, which contains a verse to the ef-

gressional Campaign Committee and had also, we believe, accepted a position on the National Executive Committee: If i be true that when asked to discharge those duties he haggled and made terms over the filling of certain offices, it is necessary to conclude that Arthur Pue Gorman can not be described by the pleonasm which the brilliant Sun puts into his mouth of "a true and trusty Democrat." The other comment the story evokes is the exceedingly stupid idea of politics which it attributes to Senater Gorman.

No question of national policy, no an nouncement of principles affecting the public interest was, in his opinion, required to secure popular favor. It was simply necessary to put three fat offices in Democratic hands in order to bribe the Democratic wheel horses to support the party ticket. This is not only a sordid view of politics, but it is an absolutely untruthful one. As THE DISPATCH has heretofore often shown, the political history of past years has again and again proved that the distribution of offices as the spoil of party workers is a source of weakness. The superstition that it is necessary, together with that about big campaign funds, is inculcated by the practical politicians solely for their own sustenance.

On the whole if Senator Gorman has any regard for his reputation as a politician of any level higher than the lowest grade he will not regard this story as one he care to have published.

THE death of L. Halsey Williams, after a comparatively short illness, was announced yesterday. Although in middle age Mr. Williams had long occupied an active and leading position in the financial inter ests of Pittsburg. After an active service in the Civil War, he became connected with banking, and continued in that sphere until a few years ago, when he resigned his posi-tion as cashier of the Fifth National Bank to embark in the natural gas business. Although he was in failing health for some time past, his spidden death will be a subject of surprise and grief to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

> IT may be a cynical suspicion, but that Chicago story about a desperate duel in which an alleged Austrian Count was dangerously wounded, has an aroma about it of an advertisement for an actress, assorted to be lovely, who was otherwise under the more fatal danger than the count of remaining in perpetual obscurity.

THE report that the Hon. Tim Campbell dependence of juries, may be an open ques. of New York, has joined the Farmers' Alli ance is an evident roorback. The Hon Timothy's experience in farming the offices in the lower wards of New York City may

in the lower wards of New Fork City may qualify him for membership in the agricul-tural organization; but he could not sub-scribe to the Alliance platform. It contains altogether too many principles; and the New York statesman has convinced himself by experience with the Cleveland adminisuncle, acted as his personal adjutant, and lived, together with his family, in the house of the general staff. ration that principles are an unnecessary burden in politics.

AFTER recent experience the Philadelphians cannot be blamed for protesting vig-orously against the conflict of the political powers which provide them with two State Treasurers. A PEADER of THE DISPATCH sends it

riends. The story goes that on one occasion Whistler told a very funny story, and after the applause had ceased, Wilde drawled out elipping from the Sheridan, Wyoming, Ester-prise, containing a statement which he thinks requires contradiction. It is the old one somewhat peevishly: "Egad, Whistler, I wish I'd said that." Thereupon Whistler re-torted, amiably and soothingly: "Ah, never that women employed in "capping bolts and nalls" in Pittsburg receive only \$4 to \$5 per fect that "the earth hath lost its youth and the times begin to wax old. For the world The yarn is one which was started long ago:

THE Mt. Carmel flying machine is evidently troubled with a defective flew.

of California, has been upon the bench since february 37, 1831, and although he is past the age limit for retirement he continues in ac-tive service. There are several members of the Supreme Court of the United States who are eligible for retirement, but they show no signs of laying aside their silk robes. Frivate Secre-tary Halford said to-day that the President will hardly appoint any of the new Circuit Judges created at the last Congress until next winter. The Land Court Judges may be propriety of their appointment during a recess of Congress. Setting Aside a Precedent. RACE horses break youths and men a MORE people will rush to see a living It's the long and short of the Wall street

Setting Aside a Precedent.

IT is no trouble to turn Day into Knight For a long number of years it has been customary in Washington, upon the death of an ex-member of the Cabinet, to close the providing the gentleman proposed for ad-mission into the commandery is named Day, Executive Department over which he pre-sided, nominally as a mark of respect for his memory, but as a matter of fact these days of suspension of business have been locked upon by the clerks simply as days of pleas-ure and enjoyment, and when a man, as was constituent to clerks simply as days of pleas-ure and enjoyment, and when a man, as was constituent to clerks would be out enjoy-ing an extra holiday at the expecse of the Government. General attention was di-tractioned to this subject some months ago when the Department building would be draped in black, but the clerks would be out enjoy-ing an extra holiday at the expecse of the Government. General attention was di-tractioned but there custom ought to be draped in black but the clerks would be out enjoy-ing an extra holiday at the expecse of the fovernment. General attention was di-days in one week on account of the funerals of the Cabinet have been known to be of the printon that the custom ought to be discon-tinued, but there was some delicacy about breaking the long-established precedent, less it man to so noncred that proper respect was. — The death of ex-Secretary Troctor and At-forming. Attorney General Miller taked it over this what the wish of Judge Tate's son. Solicitor General Taff, would be that the departments of the closed, and consequently they concluded to omit the custom in this cases the president and the other members of the fabinet had not been consulted in this mark of other officers who die while in office, and the precedent would not necessarily indenstood, however, that the departments of abinet officers who die while in office, and the precedent would not necessarily indenstood, however, that the departments of abinet officers who die while in office, and there will be more sincere regrete among death than there has ever been for those to have the clerks over Judge Tates to the funerals of abinet officers who die while in office, and there will be more sincere regreterion. The success of Senator Call, ef Florida, in Executive Department over which he pre-PHILADELPHIA will hardly point with sided, nominally as a mark of respect for his THE printer frequently has his fingers in THE "Clemenceau Case" still remains in SPITE work is the only kind of work that THE City Hall typewriter is earning his Some women are so modest that they will THE farmers are shearing the sheep and

the speculators are shearing the lambs. One cuts the wool and the other cuts the THE careless fisherman is now catching THE good churchman who has his Friday steak carved in the shape of a fish must MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER is looking nuch improved by her trip westward. MRS. M. R. DIXON, of Brooklyn, who is

Mourning Over Call's Re-Election

one of the most successful figure painters among women artists, has lately completed a pertrait of Mrs. Beliamy, a sister-in-law of the author of "Looking Backward." The success of Senator Call, of Florida, in The success of Senator Call, of Florida, in accomplishing his re-election caused ex-treme regret here, not ouly among news-paper men and all frequenters of the gal-leries, but among members of the Senate, as well. It was earnestly hoped that in his stead Florida would send a Senator who would, at least, inderstand how eloquent it is to be silent when one has nothing to say, and who would say honestly and briefly what he had to say. Senator Call has well carned the reputation of being not only one of the most nauseating demagogues of the Senate, but of being an insufferable bore, with his interminable speeches, containing mothing that anyone wants to hear or read. The prospect of continued inflictions from him for another Senatorial term throws a deep shadow of melancholy over all who ex-pation the Senate while he occupies the floor. AFTER preaching two hours and minutes in Chattanooga one warm night re-cently, Rev. Sam Jones asked permission of his congregation to take off his coat, which was readily granted. The noted Evangelist then finished his discourse in his shirt MISS M. G. MCCLELLAND, 8 noted Virginia novelist, is visiting in Baltimore. Miss McClelland is of middle age, tall and

slender, and with iron gray hair parted over her forchead. She is a genuine Southern woman, kindly and cordial of manner, hearty and pleasant of voice. MAJOR WILHELM VON MOLTKE and Major Helmuth von Moltke, the nephews of the dead field marshal, have been the objects

TYPHOID IN LANCASTER.

The Fever Carries Off a Number of People in That Eastern Town.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

REV. MELANCTHON W. JACOBUS, LANCASTER, May 26.—Within the past ten days typhoid fever has prevailed in a num-ber of families on a low lying portion of the town, and the discase having been traced to a well used by all these suffering from the disease, the Board of Health have had it shut up. It is located on the premises of John Dingns, a contrastor, who died Friday night from the disease. The entire family of Frederick Brankhart, nine in number, have the disease, and four of them were taken to the St. Joseph Hospital. Another is at the point of death. Nearly a score of these who used the water are in a critical condition. LANCASTER, May 26 .- Within the past ten Oxford, Pa., who has been called to the chair of New Testament theology in the Hartford Theological Seminary, preached for a number of years in the Central Presby-terian Church at Pittsburg. He is theauthor of several works on Biblical subjects, and is WHISTLER and Oscar Wilde are great

What's Left of the General Wreck. Harrisburg Telegraph.]

Nobody seems to have stolen the buildings in Philadelphia.

and apply the fuse, discharging the cannon. Mme, Austin was also an accomplished equestrience. She used at times to drive 8, 10 or 12 horses in chariot races. She was about 5 feet 10 inches in height, with broad shoulders, large arms and legs, well-developed head and a beautiful face. She weighed about 20 pounds. She was noted for her kindly temperament, and her neighbors speak of her with great affection.

James McHenry.

James McHenry, the man who built the Atlantic and Great Western Railway, now the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, died Monday in London, He was a man of mest attractive per-sonality genial and generous, and a warm personal friend of Louis Napoleon, Queen Christine and the Duke of Salamanca, after the latter of whom he Duke of Salamanca, after the latter of whom he named the town of Salamanca, N. Y., as acknowl-edgement of the Duke's large investments in Great Western. On one occasion Mr. McHenry, when "strapped," "was able, through Queen Christine's friendship for him, to borrow 5100,000 of her, Two venues ago Mr. McHenry won the suit against the Eric road, He was a determined aniagonist of Gould and Fisk for many years.

Eliza R. Strawn. Mrs. Eliza R., widow of the late Joel C.

ATS. LIEBA., where of the late your C. Strawn, died at her home in Connellsville Tuesday morning last, in the 67th year of her age. She was one of the best known and highly respected women in the coke country, being noted for her acts of kindness and Ohristian character. She was a woman of remarkable intelligence, and was an ac-tive and zealous working member of the Christian Church for 55 years. Rev. Dr. J. Henry Van Dyke.

Rev. Dr. J. Henry Van Dyke, pastor of the Sec-ond Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, dropped dead at 10 o'clock Monday night at his residence, 20 Remsen street, that city. He had been in New York during the day, but returned home, and was enter-taining company at the time of his sudden death. Robert M. Brokaw.

Robert M. Brokaw, aged 32, died last svening at his residence on Mt, Washington. He sa son of ex-Police Magistrate Brokaw, of the southaide. Obituary Notes.

THEODORE DECK, the famous French ceremist dead in Paris. CONSTANTINE PAPAREHEGOPOULOS, the histor

an of Greece, is dead. MRS. W. H. COLLINGS, an actress and the widoy of an old-time actor, died Monday in New York. of an old-time actor, due anomaly in New York. DANIEL MORTIMER, a character actor and the youngest son of J. K. Mortimer, the comedian, died Sunday of consumption in New York. Sxwall, F. PRESCOTT, proprietor of the Hotel Brunswick, at Haverhill, Mass., and well known throughout New England, died Monday, aged 79

REV. BERRY ROBERTSON, a widely known plo

neer Baptist preacher, and probably the oldest in the State, died at Spender, Ind., on Sanday night, aged 73. DAVID MEEKER, a former partner of Senator Stanford, died in San Francisco Monday. He set-tied in California in 1880, and was prominent in State politics.

State politics. LEWIS M. BRIGGS, a prominent politician of Atchison, Kan., died Saturday at Battle Creek, Mich., aged 50. He was an ardent supporter of John J. Ingalis.

JOHN B. HOLLENBECK died Sunday. He was born in Richmond, Vt., 1792, and was a Lieutenan in the War of 1812. He was initiated into Free Masonry in 1813, and was the oldest Mason in the world.

EX-COUNTY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM HALL, a contractor and humber dealer well known through-out Ohio, died last evening, agud 75 years. His grandfather, Lyman Hall, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. FRANCIS A. WILBUR, Professor of analytical chemistry of Butgers College, died yesterday of pmemonia. He was President of the Young Men's Christian Association in New Brunswick for several years and was a deacon of the Second Re-formed Church. Withat S. MCNAIR, aged 67 years, died at the

formed Church. WILALAM S. MCNAIS, agod 47 years, died at the County Hospital at Fanhursi, Del., from pneu-monia Monday. He was, Past Department Com-mander of the Delaware G. A. R., and was also nationally connected with the order. He was a Journalist and historian. WILLIAM HALESY PERTON died suddenly Satur-ter in Louidans at the age of 2. He was the son

Williamsport Gasette.) If Edison curries out his promises as to what he will exhibit at the World's Fair the

day in Louisians, at the age of 36. He was the sor of John M. Pelton, who, in April, 1882, was chosen chairmain of the meeting of citizens of New Or-leans, who had assembled to consider the advisaword "syrprise" might as well be stricken out of the dictionary. The people will no longer regard anything as impossible.

lity of surrendering the alty to General Butler, fe married Florence Tilton, daughter of Theodore COLONEL HARRISON ADREON diet at his rest

COLONEL HARMISON ADDREON died at his resi-dence in Baltimore Monday, after an illness of three weeks. He was in 11 of the hottest bat-tics of the war, was appointed pension agent for Maryland by General Grant, elected to several important offices in the Grand Army of the Republic, and was appointed Postmaster of Balti-more by President Garticid.

Social Chatter

dinners

THE Becker mansion, on Ellsworth avenue, will be filled with distinguished guests next week, prominent among them Mrs. Justice Miller, of Washington, D. C. and her nicee, Mrs. Dame, of Sharon; also Mrs. Cris, a bright little newspaper writer employed on Murat Halstead's paper in Cincinnati, and Mrs. Eichleberger, of Urbania, O. The laddes will be the recipients of considerable social attention in the way semi-informal teas and dinners.

Bochal Chatter. The ninth anniversary of the Home for Aged People will take place at Wilkinsburg to morrow evening. A most enjoyable time is anticipated. The prosperity of this good charity is a most delightful evidence of the generosity with which Pittsburgers main-tain a glorious work founded by themselves. The managers of the home depend largely on the proceeds of the annual dinner for the running expenses. Luncheon will be served from 13 to 4 in the afternoon. Judge McLean, of Roanoke, who is in-terested in a Southern land scheme, is at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. The Judge states that many Virginians belong to the new party, and most of them are Democrats, but he thought the new venture in politics would soon go to pieces. He thinks Cleveland will be renominated.

Captain J. A. Loar and R. G. Burns, a deputy sheriff during the Mt. Pleasant riots, were at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yester-day seeing old friends. The Captain says his conscience does not trouble him for the part he took in the coke country outbreak, and he feels that he has done his duty. An enjoyable meeting of the Allegheny Jounty Young Peoples Societies of Christian Endeavor was held last evening in the second U. P. Church, Allegheny.

"THE PARSON AND THE PROPLE" was the sub ject of a lecture last evening delivered by Rev. Charles Edward Locke at the Centenary M. E. Church.

W. H. Snyder, Superintendent of the Ohio division of the United States Express Company, and Rev. Walter Whitten, of Cumberland, are stopping at the Monon-rahela House. Mr. Snyder says the receipts of the division up to date are ahead of last year for the same period. Mus. E. E. VEEDER, an authoress of some note, is the guest of her brother, Nicholas Veeder, of Allegheny avenue. MISS FLORENCE HALL, of Allegheny, will

give a party to-morrow even Miss Johnson, of Cincinnati. T. R. Morgan, Sr., and his son Edwin, of Alliance, are at the Duquesne. Mr. Morgan is a wealthy iron man, and during McKin-ley's fight hired trains to take his men to Republican mass meetings. The old man's heart was almost broken when the protec-tionist fell by the wayside. MRS. D. T. WATSON gave an exceedingly de lightful dinner yestarday. Covers were laid for 13 guests.

A NUMBER of young people visited the Bes-semer Steel Works inst evening.

THE STATE TEMPLARS.

Inights in Session at Eric Have a Parade Through That Town.

A party of Philadelphia people passed through the city last evening bound for Cleveland to attend the triennial meeting of the Reformed Episcopal Church. In the crowd were Rev. William Tracy. Charles M. Morton, John Heins, Thomas Hansell and Henry Godley. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) ERIE, May 26.—The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania were greeted with bad weather this morning, and although no rain fell during the parade the air was damp and

Assistant General Freight Agent Charles W. Cole, of the Pennsylvania Company, went to New York last evening to attend a classi-fication meeting. Mr. Cole said the presi-dents had not yet agreed about the co2-rates and the situation was unchanged. during the parade the air was damp and heavy. Two thousand Knights Templar paraded with the usual amount of bands. The thirty-eighth annual session of the Grand Commandery met this afternoon, Deputy Grand Commander Joseph S. Wright presiding. rates and the situation was unchanged. Dr. W. E. Taylor, of San Francisco, a retired surgeon of the United States Navy, and Miss Grace Taylor registered at the Du-quesne last evening. Dr. Taylor has been in the East for several months, and stopped over to see his nephew, W. I. Mustin.

Deputy Grand Commander Joseph S. Wright presiding. The candidates for Grand Junior Warden are in the field to-night, and the prominent candidates are Gust A. Schlechter, of Bead-ing, and Samuel S. Yohe, of Easton. The Western Pennsylvania members of the Grand Commandery are very enthusiastic over their support of Rev. Dr. Albert W. Ryan, of Warren, for Grand Preinte. Dr. Ryan, was appointed Preinte by the present Grand Commander to fill a vacancy. Reso-lutions of sympathy were read and adopted by a rising vote in behalf of Grand Com-mander Wadsworth, whose physical condi-tion prevents his attendance at the sessions. A reception was tendered the visiting mem-bers of the Grand Commandery this evening in Schot's Hall. C. S. Clark, of Erie, made the address of wélcome and was responded to by Deputy Orand Commander Wright. Five thousand porsons stiended the event this evening. Bishop Andrews, of the Methodist Epis-copal Church, passed through the city yes-terday bound for Utah. He thinks the church will get nearer the truth through the numerous religious discussions now agitating the righteous. superintendent Hamilton, of the Alle-sny parks, will sail June 7 for the Nether-ds to join Henry Phipps, Jr., and his ally. He will be accompanied by John orp, of New York, the great authority on

his evening. market.

SOME QUAINT RIDDLES. Bits of French Folk Lore Translated

for Readers of English. These curious riddles, which all have one newer, and are familiar to

answer, and are familiar to the people of various parts of France, are quoted in the Revue des Traditions Populaires. What goes from Parls to Lysus without moving or taking a sten?

or taking a stop: What goes to Paris without once pansing. I am very long; if I rose up straight I touch the sky; if I had arms and leng I could the thief; if I had eyes and mouth I coul

White, very white, it encircles the earth, White, very white, it encircles the earth, If I were not crocked I could not exist. The queen's carpet, always spread, never fold What looks very long in the sunshine and ha

What arrives first at the market and first reaches Answer-The road.

No Such Word as Surprise

A Trick in the Legislative Truc

nton Republican.]

Dr. Reisinger, a well-known physician of Uniontown, was seeing the sights in the city yesterday. Councilman Hugh Ferguson will leave to-day for Tannesses to look after his quarry interests. It looks as if the Legislature intended to accumulate a vast amount of legislation, dump it on the Governor's desk and then Interests. Howard Calder, a prominent young Har-risburg lawyer, was in the city yesterday. ily adjourn.

-Matching the stories of valuable and unappreciated oil paintings, sold for a song, is the English one concerning a miraculous transaction in Sevres china. Early in the past century a gentleman presented a rever-end friend with two vrases as a wedding present. These vasos stood for more than 60 years on a cabinet in Somersetshire rectory, without attracting any particular notice, until a sale took place after their owner's death, at which they were bought for two guineas by a tradesman in Baht. Within a few weeks they resold for 600 guineas to a Bond street dealer, who speedily disposed of them for 4,000 guineas.

-In olden times if a person accused of a crime refused to plead he was condemned to the "forte peine et dure." He was stripped, the "forte peine et dure." He was stripped, taken into a dungeon, and laid on the floor, with a sharp stone under his back. On him was laid a door, whereon were piled heavy weights, as much as he could bear and more. The first day three morels of had broad were given to him, the second day three draughts of stagnant water, and so until he died. If a prisoner was convicted, his es-tates were confiscated; to prevent this con-facation many prisoners suffered this pun-ishment. In this country a man, called to plead to an indictment of withoraft, stood mute, and is said to have been pressed to death at Salem, Mass. in 1893.

-The facilities for marriage in Heligoland -The facilities for marriage in Heligoland have been greatly ourtailed since it has be-come a German possession. Among other conditions both parties must produce certif-icates of birth in order to prevent Jews be-ing married there. All who are under 23 must produce a legally attested written con-sent of parents, or, if these are dead, a cer-tificate of their death. Widows or widowers must produce the death certificate of the de-ceased wife or husband, and, if they have children, prove that the property willed to those children is securely settled upon them. The entire expense of a marriage in the siand? is about 200 marks. In spite of these conditions, marriage in Heligoland is a much simpler and easier affair than in Germany.

A TIME TO SMILE.

THE FIRST FLY.

Oh, first buzzing fly of the season Oh, first bugging ify of the season, Why, why are you here in my soup? Pray give me, frail creature, the reason That led you into it to swoop. Has your love of hut yesterday's wooing Te red hot benilion consigned you? Or has business brought on your undoing. So that here in tureen depths I find you? No reply? Never mind, you are landed And given a chance to recoup; But beware, for the next time you're strande You're likely to stay in the soup.

You're likely to stay in the soup. -New York Revald.

Lawrence Sands, a Washington capital-ist, is at the Anderson. He owns a patent on an electric device for cleaning beliers. Colonel Andrews and he are organizing a steek company to put the invention on the market "Time brings strange reversals. There's oproid Henpeck, for instance, who married his pewriter." "Well, where does the reversal come in?"

Why it was he who used to dictate .-

Colonel Thomas M. Bayne registered at the Schlosser yesterday. He denies the stories that he is after a foreign mission or that he will be a candidate against Quay for the United States Senate. "Is he a good singer?" "Is he? Why, the other night he sang two min-tes without stopping to breathe. I tell you ha's reat,-New Fork Recorder. Senator Dolph, of Oregon, with his family were in the city yesterday going home from Washington. The Senator says Harrison will be renominated and the West wants

Maud-I don't know whether Charlie

ally loves me or not. Her Brother-What did you give him for a birthay present the other day? Maud-A box of cigars.

Her Brothur-Did he smoke them? Maud-Yes.

J. H. Haverly, the minstrel manager, is in the city making arrangements to manage the "Last Days of Pompeil," which will be given this summer in Recreation park. Her Brother-You may be sure he loves you. Inclunati Enquirer.

Johnny-Pa, when I become a man, B. Penton, of Buffalo, President of the American Presseve Company, arrived in the city last evening. A meeting of the execu-tive committee will be held to day. could I be elected President of the United States? Father-Certainly my boy: you were born in this

duntry. Johnny-And could I be a policeman if I wante

Banker Willis-At last, Miranda, I have

ained the goal of my ambition. I am worth \$1,000

000. Mrs. Willis-O. I am so glad, Jethrol And so thankfull We'll spell our name Wyllys now, won's wo?-Chicago Tribuse.

Among those who went East last evening were M. J. Alexander, S. P. Kennedy of the Cotton Belt route, and United States Dis-trict Attorney Walter Lyon. Father-Why, no. You were born in this country,-Iennowine's News.

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"Miss Angelina," said young Mr. Brief-less, the harrister, with illy concealed emotion, "I know that my inexperience in courts is against me -this is, in fact, my first suit-but I have an attach-Constable Harry Lewis, of Aldermy Means' office, has been appointed vehic officer for the East End district. Alderman David McGary, of the Twenty-eighth ward, will leave for Atlantic City this morning on a pleasure trip. -Enis is, in fact, by no accept service?" "Just as you are, without one ples," gushe Miss Angelina, as Mr. Briefless folded her to hi breast with legal precision and imprint a ses upon her rouge-ret lips, - Chicago Times,