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THE ELECTRIC DECISION. The decision of the United States Circuit Court at New York granting an injunction in favor of the Edison interests, with regard to the patents for incandescent electric lamps, is an event of more than ordinary importance. The effect of the decision so far as can be gathered from the brief telegraphic abstracts is to place the control of the incandescent electric lighting business in the hands of the Edison in-

This, if it went at once into effect, would work a decided change in the business of electric lighting, and might not be without a rather severe effect on the local electric interests. But it is hardly probable that the decision can be taken as effecting a prompt suppression of the competitors to son. It may be presumed that the case will go to the United States Supreme Court, and that is likely to give a further period of fighting before the case is finally adjudiented. Before the ultimate decision is reached, it is more than probable that the contending interests will conclude that the most profitable course for both sides is to adopt the fashionable tactics and combine their interests.

It is to be recognized, however, that if such a consolidation is attained, the prestime which the Edison interests will secure from Judge Wallace's ruling and a similar decision in Canada will give it a big advantage in the negotiations for union.

#### CAMPBELL IN THE LEAD.

Though Governor Campbell has the re nomination in his hands, there is a prospect of sharp fighting in the Democratic convention to-day. Mr. Neal is evidently not inclined to retire without a struggle, and perhaps he may obtain support from quarters which have been counted till now for Campbell. The forecast in our news columns to-day, however, indicates that Mr. Campbell has a firm hold on enough delegates to elect him, if not on the first ballot, pretty soon after. The only other new phase in the situation is involved in the proposal to push the silver question to the front with a special plank in the platform. But whether the Demonot the main issue must be Protection

### A MANDAMUS WANTED.

A very interesting suggestion was made public yesterday by those whose independent spirit causes them to imperatively demand a partisan judiciary. It is to the effect that a bill in equity shall be filed asking for a mandamus on the Republican County Committee to make it issue a call for a judicial convention.

The device is certainly attractive for its original application of the theory that a suit in equity is a panacea for all the political ills that flesh is heir to. Only one amendment can be suggested to the proposition, which we hope the orators will adopt as THE DISPATCH suggests.

Let them file their bill in Common Plea No. 3. The judges of that court are in a position to give prompt attention to appilentions of that sort.

### THE PIRST OF THE CIRCUIT

The trotting season of 1891 opened yesterday at Homewood Park with an interesting display of speedy horses and exciting contests. As will be seen by the renorts in our columns the initial day of the races furnished abundance of amusement and excitement, and promises a more successful meeting than has been known at Homewood for several years.

This meeting will be followed by the ontests at Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, Springfield, Hartford and Philadelphia, at which latter place the circuit season will close on September 4. Large purses and good horses will make these meetings interesting, but the probability is that the events of the season will be more in the line of developing promising trotters in the junior classes rather than in recordbreaking by the champions of the mile circle. Mand S has probably made her last great record; Axtell, the phenomenon of two years ago, will not appear this year; and the only visible hope for lowering the mile record lies in Sunol, the great California filly. But whether she will even make the attempt this year is for the season's events to determine.

Nevertheless, the season may be fruitful of developments in the line of new horses who can bring their records into the charmed circle below the 2:20 or even 2:14. With the possibility of the rise of new rivals to the putative record-breakers already named, the season will have abuncant attraction for lovers of the trotting

### CAN DO IT MORE CHEAPLY.

The report that the expenses of the executive department of Connecticut's government under General Bulkeley are paid by an insurance corporation of that State moves the New York Evening Sun to some a possible time "when a combination of corporations shall find it to their interest to supply the sinews to an administration re-

pudiated by the people." We should say that the first thought in connection with such a report should be that an insurance company taking the course referred to would be an eminent subject for the avoidance of insurers and investigation on the part of shareholders by criminal process. Not even the broadest theories of insurance management can regard an investment in a State government as a proper one for insurance trust funds, and if the reports referred to are correct the officers of the insurance com pany in question are eligible candidates for the penitentiary. Which fact permits a decided doubt as to the correctness of

the report. As to the possibilities of this plan in the line of future control of the government by corporations, they are not especially alarming, from the fact that corporations already know a trick worth a half dozen of that. They find it much cheaper to own the legislative as well as the executive branch, and to let the people foot the

REGISTRATION, OLD AND NEW. Some interesting information on registration under the new assessment law is given in a local article, in connection with which some of our county officials offer an explanation of the phenomenon in Philadelphia of a correct registration with some 12,600 voters less than that by which the

election was held last year. The explanation is that under the old law the register-assessors were furnished with a list of the former assessors, and very often did their work simply by copying old assessments. In that view the padding is deemed to be the result simply of laziness on the part of the register-assessors. Under the new law they are required to make a house-to-house canvass, and return a list that has been carefully verified by personal inquiry.

The explanation is a very satisfactory one as bearing on the relative virtues of the two laws, but as an explanation of the Philadelphia phenomenon the trouble is that it does not fit the case. The Philadelphia assessment of June for this year exceeds that returned for June last year by two or three thousand names. But the eptember hearing for correction of the lists showed an addition of 15,000 names. When we take the political circumstances at the time this very large increase of the registration was made in connection with the fact that the subsequent careful canvass fails to verify the genuineness of the expansion, a rather strong prima facie case of padding the lists is made out.

Apart from this, it is gratifying to know hat the new method of registration will insure a carefully prepared and thoroughly verified list. If that result is secured the late Legislature can be credited with at least one piece of good work.

THE brave woman out West whose hus band was attacked by White Caps showed an eminent ability to solve the White Cap uisance. While they were preparing for their nocturnal amusement of whipping her usband she took down a Winchester rifle and commenced perforating the whippers with bullets. The consequence was that the White Caps, having started out with the intention of convincing her husband that the locality was unhealthy for him, found the conviction reversed. If there were more such women there would be fewer White

THE three great lumber States are now ting up their forests at a rate which will soon kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. The value of their lumber products last year was \$167,237,816, and at the present rate of consumption their forests will last about five years longer. When the numbering industry has eaten up the forests of the South in the same way, the country will either have to wait for new trees to grow or find a

THE desperate struggle between the Pitts burg and Cincinnati baseball teams for the foot of the list goes on so evenly that it may not be settled until those champions

SECRETARY FOSTER is quoted as declaring in vindication of Republican financial management "that the proposed extension of \$51,000,000 of 4% per cents will be so favorably received by the banks that about \$35,000,000 will be added to the circulation in national bank notes." But if the Treasury has \$51,000,000 with which to pay the bonds erats of Ohio declare for free coinage or much more than \$25,000,000 would be put in \$1,000,000 annual interest. And if it has not the \$51,000,000 available for that purpose the Reubican control of the Treasury is scarcely

It is interesting to learn that sun spots nd chasins have been unusually prominent n the great luminary for some days past. Four great groups of spots were visible on unday, with an extent that is at least unisual. But the effect of these solar eccentricities on the earth's atmosphere is ren dered more than doubtful by the fact that the manifestations were accompanied with

It is a matter of current gossin that the Hon, David B. Hill will not put any of his money into the pools on the strength of Henry Watterson's Presidential tps.

THE circumstances which render advisable liquidation by the well-known local firm of Nimick & Co. are regretable, as the firm is of long standing and the highest repute, It is well to point out in advance that there is nothing in the event which reflects upon the general state of business or upon the condition of Pittsburg's industries. accumulated at high prices and carried hrough a long period of lower prices, together with unprofitable operation of two rnaces at points removed from the Pittsburg district and under disadvantageous eight rates, seem to have been the cause of the embarrassment.

PARLIAMENT is scheduled to adjourn on August 6, which will enable the honorable members to get at the grouse on August 12. the people subject to the rule of Parliament may be left unsettled; but the grouse must not be neglected.

UP to the present writing DeVoe's great cloudburst and floods have failed to manifest themselves to the weather observers.

It is given as a matter of statistics that the clergymen of the Congregationalist Church are enjoying especially long life. The number of deaths among the ministers of that denomination last year was ninety nine, and their average age was 71 years and four months. In fifteen years also the average age at death has been 68 years. The cynical may suspect these statistics in the Year Book of that denomination to hold out an inducement to recruits for the clergy; but the figures probably demonstrate longevity produced by a peaceful and quiet

THE report that Russia and France are oing to seize Constantinople is not alarming. Russia would have done so years ago except that the rest of Europe would not her and the same obstacle still exists.

IF the Illinois courts tramp out the barbed wire trust the use of judicial bobnailed shoes will receive a decided boom.

A LITTLE experience in San Francisco shows the way in which combinations to keep up the price of sugar can be defeated The combination there having fixed the wholesale price of sugar at 5%c, the chocoreflections on the power of corporations to late manufacturers concluded to import run a government. It draws a picture of their own sugar, and found themselves able to do it at 4346434c. The consequence is that the sugar refining combination is not roost ing so high as formerly, and the value of the eduction of sugar duties is demonstrated

> THE Constitutional Convention present itself in the light of something which neither politicians nor the people want; but which some mysterious power has decreed

AFTER this week the unlicensed dog will do well to lie low or the dog-catchers will make him lie low permanently.

Many Workmen Overcome by Heat, Braddock, July 14.—There were many cases of workmen being overcome by heat at the Edgar Thomson Works to-day. Hammond Hensel was so badly stricken that it is doubtful if he will over fully recover. PREMONITION OF DANGER.

New York Drummer Who Escaped the-Ravenna Disaster Tells a Story-A Historical United States Flag-Some Short Sketches on a Variety of Subjects.

"I have been on the road ever since I attained manhood," said George Bailey, a New York traveling man, to a Detroit Free Press reporter, "and I am as free from superstition as any one I ever knew. I cover the country pretty thoroughly every year, journey from New York to the Pacific coast and from Dilluth to Galveston, without a thought that the train may run off the track or collide with another, and yet for a week prior to the recent frightful accident at Ravenna, O., whereby there was such a ter-Ravenna, O., whereby there was such a terrible loss of life, I was as nervous and full of vague, undefined apprehension as I could be, I was working along the line of the N. Y. P. & O. Railroad down in Ohio during that time, and several times remarked to my chum, 'Tom, something's going to happen; there's going to be an accident, and I am booked to be in it, or just escape it.'
"Tom, who is an unsentimental fellow, would gruffly respond, 'O, pshaw, you're rattled; go and get a drink.' I insisted that the prescribtion would do me no good, and the prescribtion would do me no good, and the day of the accident Tom and I started for the ill-fated train that bore so many poor mortals to their fate at Ravenna. At the mortals to their fate at Ravenna. At the station a telegram was handed me requesting that I go to Cleveland and there meet a member of the firm I represent. I said goodby to Tom, turned back and in two hours later was on my way to Cleveland. The next morning I, of course, read the full particulars of the accident at Ravenna, and until late in the afternoon supposed that my chum was among the killed. Luckily, he escaped without injury, and when he next saw me two or three days later, the first words he uttered were: If you ever have another presentiment or foreboding of approaching disaster, George, I'll listen to you, and anchor myself in some hotel until the storm blows over. I laughed at you the other day, but wisned I hadn't the minute I realized the predicament we were in at Ravenna."

It Is a Banner With a History

When the National Editorial Asso neets in St. Paul there will be a flag above the President's chair, a flag with an interes ing history, says the Chicago Tribune. It was presented to the association by Colonel D. R. Elliott, General Land Commissioner of the Plant system, whose headquarters are at Sunford, Fla. It was a handsome flag made of the best bunting, and was first unfolded during the course of the Piedmont Exposition in Atlanta, Ga., in the fall of 1887. Presilent Cleveland was among the visitors to the fair and he made an address under the flag, and he and Mrs. Cleveland shook hands with several thousand enthusiastic Southern admirers with this piece of bunting between them and the great glass roof. Henry W.

them and the great glass roof. Henry W. Grady was a ruling spirit in the exposition, and he presented the flag to Colonel Elliotic as a mark of appreciation for the fine display made by the Plant system.

When Colonel Elliott went to Paris in the spring of 1889 he took the flag along, and July 4, with the special permission of M. Eiffel, he carried the flag to the topmost landing of the great Eiffel tower and unfurled it to the breeze. No other flag except the flag of France was allowed on the tower that day, and it was a special compliment on the part of the great engineer allowing the Stars and Stripes to float above the tricolor. After Colonel Elliott's return to the United States he had the flag mounted on a new stick surmounted by the Eiffel tower in miniature and presented it to the National Editorial Association. He has been appointed special custodian of the flag and keeps it in his possession between the meetings of the association.

A French Postman's Adventure. Very strange is the adventure through which a postman named Boudon has just passed at Nimes, in France, chronicled in a British exchange. He had taken a regis tered letter to one Faure, a shoemaker, and closed the door, pulled a revolver out of his pocket, and, rushing on Boudon, threw him down and bound him securely. He then informed the terrified postman of his inten-tion to retain him as a hostage until he had received divers letters written to him by the President of the Republic and the Min-ister of Justice in reply to his application for the restoration of 30,000 francs lost in a aw suit. Faure sent a note to the head the Posts I have sent a note to the new of the Posts I Department, explaining how mat-ters stood, and, while awaiting an answer, barricaded his apartment. When the police arrived he called out that he had provisions for a week, two revolvers and plenty of am-munition, and that if they attempted to force situation was extremely awkward. The affair had become known in the neighborhood, and the adjacent streets were soon thronged with at least 5,000 of the towns-

ated shoemaker having proved abortive, the police and gendarmes broke into the place, fired a few shots to frighten Faure, and suc-ceeded in securely taking him into custody ere he had time to carry out his threat. They had great difficulty in conducting him They had great difficulty in conducting him to prison, as the crowd wanted to "lynch" him. Faure is described as a monomaniae, and it appears that when M. Carnot visited Nimes some time ago he made some curious preparations in order to attract his attention, which, however, were but lost labor, as the President passed down another street.

### Grafting Horns on a Rooster.

Hon, T. J. Younger, of Osceols, Mo., once a prominent member of the Missoufi Legisla ture, and who is best known by his full story in the St. Louis Republic: "Some months ago I saw a statement in a St. Louis newspaper about a rooster with a spur on his head that seemed to be attracti siderable attention. This apparent freak of siderable attention. This apparent freak of nature can be accomplished by a simple surgical operation. Take a young rooster. When his spur is only a bud, make an incision around the spur; then, with the point of the knife, lift the spur off, taking with it the cartilaginous formation; next make an incision on the head, or any other place where the bone can be reached, place the spur therein, close up tightly the cuticle around the spur with a few stitches and keep the chicken enclosed until the graft or spur has healed and adhesion has taken place. The spur will then be as solid as though nature had caused it to grow there ugh nature had caused it to grow ther and it will continue its normal growth. The young spur, or the germ of a spur, can be grafted either on the head or on the foot by the same process, which is similar to the grafting of budding peaches. 'Squire Berry of near Johnson City, St. Clair county, is a expert at that business, and while scientific men may experiment in that direction, it they desire, we stand ready to demonstrate it as a fact." it as a fact."

### The Cause of Old Maids.

A professor at Ann Arbor, Mich., was dis cussing the process of fertilizing plants by neans of insects carrying the pollen from one plant to another, says an exchange, and to amuse them told how old maids were the to amuse them told how old maids were the ultimate cause of it all. The bumble bees carry the pollen, the field mice eat the bumble bees, therefore the more field mice the fewer bumble bees and the less pollen and variation of plants. But cats devour field mice and old maids protect cats. Therefore the more old maids the more cats, the fewer field mice the more bees. Hence old maids are the cause of variety in plants.

Thereupon a sophomore with a single eyeglass, an English umbrella, a box coat, with his trousers rolled up at the bottom, arose and asked:

"I \*a ay, professah, what is the cause—ah and asked:
"I \*a \*sy, professah, what is the cause—ah
—of old maids, don't you know?"
"Perhaps Miss Jones can tell you," suggested the professor.
"Dudes!" said Miss Jones sharply, and

### HOMES OF BELGIAN WORKINGMEN.

Results of the Official Inquiry Into Their Condition Not Flattering.

vithout a moment's hesitation

Chicago Times. ] The results of the official inquiry into the condition of the dwellings of the working classes of Belgium have just been published sels on December 31, 1830, 49,619 families, of which 19,284 were the families of workmen. The number of houses in the city was 19,594, inhabited by 188,169 persons. There are 4,600 houses inhabited by the working classes, 105 common lodging houses, and 3 436 places of business. The rent of a room for a workman averages 116.69c. a month. The average daily wages of a working class families in Brussels 10,492 have occasional recourse to public charity. Of working class families 491 occupy an entire house, 1,571 occupy three rooms, 8,658 have but two rooms and 6,978 have to be content with only one; 2,185 families lodge in garrets, 1,200 in cellars. In 1,511 cases a family of five persons live in a single room. In 405 families the boys and girls sleep in the same bed. sels on December 31, 1890, 49,619 families, of

Bound to Have the Vindication

Boston Herald.)
Phœbe Cousins is going to swait the lapse of time for the vindication which the courts have failed to give her. That is right, Phothe. Time heals all wounds. THE SEAL AS A BIRD.

Why Uncle Jerry Appointed an Orni hologist on the Commissi York Advertiser. ]

It is evident that the Bering Sea difficulty will not be definitely settled until it is officially declared what a seal really is. It scientifically asserted, and generally ac cepted, that the seal is "an aquatic car-nivorous mammal;" but so is a yachtsman for that matter, and during the senside season even the lovely "summer girl" would come within the definition.

But Uncle Jerry Rusk, advanced from an

agriculturist to be a meteorologist, now assumes to be an ornithologist, and makes assumes to be an ornithologist, and makes public his belief that the seal is a bird. The assumption that he does so verily believe is based upon his securing the appointment of Prof. C. Hart Merriam, the young but able ornithologist of the Agricultural Department, to be one of the two American commissioners to examine into the condition of the seal fisheries in the Bering Sea.

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Prof. Merriam is now somewhere in the region of the great Colorado Desert, where, if he encounters some of the recent romancers in that region, the official ornithologist will see some very queer birds, and Uncle Jerry has been endeavoring to reach him by telegraph, by mail and by messengers to notify him that he must turn his ornithological studies to the species vulgarly known as seals, and must turn his steps toward Alaska.

The belief of Uncle Jeremiah that the seal is a bird, is undoubtedly based upon an inspection of the great seal of the United States, which certainly does display upon its face a terriffic specimen of ornithology its face a terriffic specimen of ornithologin the shape of a spread eagle, glaring at the sun and bearing in his clutched talons the sun and bearing in his clutched talons the emblems of war as well as peace. But thi noble bird, which is a seal, will remain in the State Department and will not be trans ferred to the keeping of agricultural, metero logical and ornithological Uncle Jeremiah

### VERY ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Read at the Monthly Meeting of the Alle

gheny W. C. T. U. Yesterday. The monthly meeting of the Allegheny County W. C. T. U. was held vesterday after soon in the Smithfield Street Church. The attendance was small Mrs J S Porter presided and Mrs. Rhodes conducted the de votional exercises. Mrs. Porter offered prayer in behalf of a man whom she had induced to sign the pledge, and whom she be lieved was earnest in his efforts to reform Miss Martha McConnell, Treasurer, reported Miss Martha McConnell, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$90 15 in the treasury. Twenty-six dollars and twenty-eight cents had been expended during the last month. The sum of \$2 02 had thus far been received in support of the World's W. C. T. U. By resolution the treasurer was informed to hold this amount for a worth more as that is might be accepted. for a month more so that it might possible increased. Mrs. Porter stated that ther were six new unions organized since the meeting in last September. One of these had been recently instituted at Sharpsburg, hav-ing II members. Mrs. E. S. Law is its Presi-

ent. Mrs. Rhodes made an address appealing to Mrs. Rhodes made an address appealing to the meeting to take some action with refer-ence to the protection of young girls who are liable to temptation from conditions of pov-erty or orphanage. Action on this appeal will probably be taken at the next meeting. A petition was read from the union at Believue, asking that the W. C. T. U. place itself on record as opposed to the opening of the World's Fair on Sunday, and that a committee be appointed to visit the hat a committee be appointed to visit the and have them denounce the opening of the fair on Sunday. The meeting had alread pronounced itself in regard to the first par of the petition, but in conformity to the lat ter part a committee consisting of Mrs. Atchison, Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. David Mc Allister were appointed. Reports from say

### A CITY UNDER GROUND

Rare Antiquarian Discoveries Made in Fa Away Bokhara.

In the right bank of the river Amoo-Dark near the town of Karki in Bokhara, grottes have been found among the hills leading to subterranean city the evidence of which lates back into antiquity, according to recent Russian advices. Silver coins and in criptions of the time of Gapora I. (the first Persian King of the Gassanidean dynasty, ho lived about 200 years B. C.) were found in the place. The subterranean town versts (about a half mile) with streets, lanes, squares, and hanging fountains. In some places the ground on the top has caved in; but the largest part of the city can be passed through without the least diffi-culty. By the light of the miners' lamp, the place presents a quaint, fantastic appear

mee.
There are houses in perfect construction There are houses in perfect construction, one or two stories high, with a pretence of architectural elegance, and filled with furniture and various domestic utensits. The ceilings or upper covering of the streets are constructed of blocks of alsoaster granites. The natives of Bokhara knew of the place long ago and carried away many sliver and gold coins, ornaments and utensits of great intrinsic value and of still greater archeological importance. The Russian authorities of Bokhara have made arrangements to take care of the antiquities arrangements to take care of the antiquities of the place, and sent notices of its discov-ery to the Archeelogical Society of Moscow, The society has sent a commission of experts to make explorations during the

### THE SPARROWS ALL RIGHT. Man Who Says They Kill the Worms and

H. A. Whitfield, of the Barge office, gives much of his spare time to the study of birds and their habits. He celebrated the Fourth in Central Park, paying special attention to the habits of the English sparrow. In conversation Mr. Whitfield said that he had come to the conclusion that the English sparrow was quite a benefactor. "Why," said he, "I can remember 20 or 3 vears ago when a person could not sit under the elms in the park five minutes without being literally covered with caterpillars and bugs of every description. Now these are the exception, and you can lay it all to the sparrows."

#### A Very Lenient Parent. Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

A Democratic cotemporary growls, "there is too much patriotism in this country." For all that Uncle Sam will continue to use a shingle in a way that it will do the most good. It is to be hoped he will never again have to use any more formidable instrument

### IN THE 400 AND OUT.

MRS. WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR is one of the finest mandolin players in New York's

MISS GWENDOLINE CALDWELL is about to purchase the Newport home of the late eorge Bancroft. Ex-GOVERNOR BIGGS, of Delaware, and

his two sons expect to sell 60,000 baskets of peaches this year. TENNYSON was once asked to supply

dozen birthday poems of eight lines each for 1,000 guineas. The poet refused. HENRY HILTON has a fine collection of fancy and colored diamonds, numbering 100 stones, in brown, yellow and

pink. MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON'S oldest daughter is a brilliant performer on the piano. She is now in Germany under rare usical tuition. GENERAL ANSON G. COOK, Secretary of

the United States Senate, is a strongly-built man, about 50 years of age, and has dark hair, mustache and eyes. He is one of the most agreeable and popular men in Wash-THE property left by the late Sir Richard Sutton, owner of the Genesta, is estimated

posthumous child only just born, and by the time he becomes of age the fortune will be among the very greatest. Young James G. Blaine is getting the reputation of being one of the best dressed men in Washington. He displays a London wardrobe of irreproachable taste, and especially affects neat morning suits of gray.

at over £7,000,000. The heir to the estate is

In his button-hole he wears a bunch of swee MINISTER FRED DOUGLASS has a hand, some home in Anacostia, a pretty suburb of Washington, and he says he would much rather live there than in Haiti. Thomas Fortune, the colored newspaper writer, said to be anxious to try his fortune i

### CHAUTAUQUA CHATTER.

The Students by the Lake Treated to Lect ures on Ali Sorts of Subjects From American History to Soup-Pleasure Mixed With Learning. [SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CHAUTAUQUA, July 14 .- A genuine thunder

torm, staccatoed with forked lightning, entertained Chautauquans to-day and cooled the atmosphere considerably. The weather for several days past had been decidedly warm and sultry and the shower this after noon was the most welcome arrival to-day. There was quite an exodus of school teach ers this morning for Toronto, where the Na-tional Teachers' Convention meets. Fully 300 of the normal class took advantage of treat here to attend the convention, but as teachers the Business Education Association of the United States arrived here this morning and representatives of American busi-busing by every boat. The association held their convention here last year and were so much delighted with the place that they decided to come again. A Southern delegation of school teachers has just put in an appearance, too. They have among their number some very pretty maidens, whose rare Southern beauty has caused hearts here to palpitate very percentibly. College Men Numerous

There is an unusually large number of lege men on the grounds. Representatives are here from nearly every leading niversity and college in the land. In the Greek department Prof. Dooge, of the University of Michigan, tells me the students versity of Michigan, tells me the students are doing the best kind of work, and that many of them are professors and teachers from other institutions. Hard, earnest study is done here by both men and women, who have to earn their daily bread by teaching. One of the delightful features of Chautauqua life was the journalists' reception, the first of the season, which was given last night at the "Aldine." It was

A Gay Assemblage. The Apollo Quartet, of Boston, rendered some pretty selections Mrs Jennie Hall Wade, of Brooklyn, sang most sweetly. Miss Maud Murray, the elecutionist, of Boston. recited a selection, and several solo numbers were given by the members of the Apollo Quartet. Among the persons in attendance were Profs. Flagler, Deen and attendance were Profs. Flagler, Deen and Wheeler, and of the journalists, Messrs. Deming, Stone, Chrisman, Barrett, Silsman and Miss Farrington, together with a number of others. The next reception comes off Monday night at the Hotel Athenseum. Mrs. susie Birch Jennings, of the "Aldine" kindly entertained the club last night. Mrs. Hall Wade, the soprano soloist of Brooklyn, was complimented highly in public at the public concert last night by Bishop Vincent, who requested that, she be given the salute public concert last night by Bishop Vincent, who requested that, she be given the salute as a testimonial of appreciation. A sea of white kerchiefs greeted the little lady, who blushed and gracefully bowed her thanks. She leaves to-day. Miss Murray, of Boston, the elocutionist, also received a warm reception for her artistic work last night. There is the liveliest kind of interest in the study of American history, and every inducement is held out to Chautauquans to study largely and widely the history of their own country.

Studying American History. Indeed, Chancellor Vincent is so impressed with fact that Americans know nore about the history of every other country in the world than their own that he has determined to require Chautauquans to study American history in order to properly celebrate the Columbian quadri-centennial in 1892. With the World's Fair only a year away he recognizes the importance of quick and effective work. So the Chautauquans here are treated to no less than ten different courses of lectures on American history. In fact, 1891 here is called the first American year on the Chautauqua programme, and Chancellor Vincent believes that they can study American history in as large doses in 1892 and 1893. So it happened to-day that two lecturers addressed very large audiences on American history in the hall of philosophy. These were Prof. John Bach McMaster, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Prof. Frederick Starr, of the American Museum of Natural History. Prof. Starr lectured at 2:39 on the course of primitive America, and took for his subject the "Mound Builders." He told his audience about this wonderful and Industrious primitive people, in a most entertaining manner, and referred to the big monuments of earth they had left in various quarters of the United States. He is quite a popular man here and always draws a big audience. in 1892. With the World's Fair only a year

Other Subjects Pursued. The course in modern history Herbert Adams, of Johns Hopkins, is progressing finely. A competitive examination for a money prize was held esterday among the students who take is course, and a number of fine paper fore handed in. The winner is a Southerner Mr Samuel T. Wilson, of Maryville, Tenn. Among those who receive special mention are Mrs. Agnes Willey, of Aurora, Ill.: Miss

are Mrs. Agnes Willey, of Aurons, III.; Miss Mary Parsons, of Mt. Morris, N. Y.; Miss Mary McClanahan, of Cedar Rapids, Ia, and Dr. H. B. Waterman, of Chicago. The third tourists' conference, conducted by Mr. George Vincent, was held at 5 P. M., and the subjects covered were "Oxford and Cambridge Universities." In the evening Dr. Charles Stuart Wells, a New York physician, delivered an illustrated lecture on "A Tour of the Niles in a Dahabeih." Prof. I. V. Fingler's recital this morning in the Flagler's recital this morning in the Amphitheater was quite enjoyable, and was listened to by a very critical and musical audience. Prof. Flagler played among other things the concert piece he played in Chick-ering Hall before the Manuscript Society last winter, also the celebrated fugue from the pastoral sonata by Pheinberger. The Virtues of Good Soup.

Mrs. Emma Ewing delighted the Chanauqua ladies at 9:30 to-day by a very bright and suggestive talk on "Soupmaking." fact, she was literally "in the soup" this morning, but it tasted splendidly and was fit for a King. She said there were five kinds of soup, namely: Clear, vegetable, plain, white and mixed, and all other soups were variations of these. A few teaspoonsful of good broth will do more to make a hungry man, be he a business man, doctor, or even a newspaper editor, happy and good natured when he is tired and irritable, than any other thing in the world. It is not at all a bad thing to be "in the soup." It all depends on the soup, and Mrs. Ewing urged her big audience of women to make a soup that had flavor and substance to it, for more good soup and less poor sermons would congood soup and less poor sermons would cou-vert the world to happiness and home com-fort. Her parting injunction was, Solomon revised: "In all thy making, make good

### NO MORE AGITATION.

Fenians Meet and Advise Organizati Upon a Military Basis.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] New York, July 14 .- A meeting of the old Penian Brotherhood was held in this city to day, representatives being present from loston, Philadelphia, Paterson and several was among the documents read and consid-The following is an extract:

"As to the intention of Irish-Americans with regard to Ireland, we entirely dissent from the views expressed in your last letter, viz: that the Irish people at home should dictate the policy. The Irish in Ireland must not be left to follow their own views or rather the views of a band of self-seeking agitatators called 'leaders.' American gold has corrupted them and made them nearly all Constitutionalists, whether Parnellites or anti-Parnellites: and now on the Irish-Americans rests the responsibility of directing a more manly and national policy in the struggle for Irish independence. The only organization that should now be considered is one with a military basis—no more vigorous agitation, which is always corrupting, and brings a low, worthless, self-seeking class of men to the front. The Parnellites are no better than the Whigs and West Britains of the McCarthy party." "As to the intention of Irish-American

### DESIRED A RECEPTION

A Coming Guest Who Was Anxious to Have a Hotel Meet Him.

A peculiar message was received last night Clerk Casselman, of the Monongahela House. It read: "Leave here to-nigt, 9:20; meet me in the morning." It was not exmeet me in the morning." It was not explicit as to whether the sender desired the hotel moved to the depot to meet him, or if he just wanted a few clerks or porters to assemble to greet him.

One thing sure is that he will have to inquire his way to the hotel on his arrival, this morning, as there will be no special guide there to pilot him.

Might Send Presidental Candid New York Advertiser.)
Minister Fred Douglass has resigned, and Mr. Harrison knows of a particularly pesiferons officeseeker in whose future welfare IT WAS A SURE SIGN.

A Learned Astronomer Gets a Few Points Harper's Young People. ]

A very learned professor of astronom one who was skilled in the signs of the skies and the winds and the clouds-was once traveling. While on his journey he lost his way, and, wandering about, came across a simple looking countryman, who was sitting under a tree tending a flock of sheep. "Friend," said the professor, "can you in form me of the direction and distance of the nearest adjacent town?"

Now the countryman perceived that the professor was very wise, from the long words he used; but he presently managed to under-stand him and replied: "Yes, sir; it is all of five miles; but," he added, "you will get a good wetting before

you get there." This surprised the professor. He could not discover any signs of a storm, and he was so sure of his own knowledge in such matters that he laughed at the countryman, and started his horse on the road pointed But before he had gone two-thirds of the distance a sudden black cloud covered the distance a sudden black cloud covered the sky, the rain poured in torrents, and the wise man reached his inn soaked and dis-

wise man reached his inn soaked and disgusted.

The next morning, before he had proceeded on his journey, he determined to ride back, and if possible, find out by what hidden signs—of which he, a great professor, was ignorant—this foolish countryman had foretold the storm.

So he rode back, and, after spending a day in the search, bound the countryman, and explained what he wanted to know.

"I will not tell you my sign," said the countryman, "without a good sum of money."

They struck a bargain. The professor was so anxious to hear this valuable secret that he willingly paid the large amount demanded.

"Do you see, sir," asked the countryman,

manded.
"Do you see, sir," asked the countryman,
"that black sheep with a white face over
there—the only black sheep in my flock?"
The professor said he did.
"Well, sir," said the countryman, "when it
is the fairest day in June, and when there is
not a cloud in the sky, I surely know it is
going to rain if I chance to see that old
sheep caper around, with her tail held
straight up in the air!"

### NOT UP TO THE STANDARD.

A Dude at a Recent New York Fire Receives a Reprimand.

New York Advertiser.] Among the crowd watching the firemen a work on the burning Sixth avenue car stables last Wednesday stood a young swell. Why are those firemen taking it easy upon the roof instead of going to work?"

As his remark seemed to be addressed to no one in particular, a little boy with bare feet and a very dirty face, volunteered the information that the firemen referred to were not "taking it easy," but had crawled out of the smoke for a breath of fresh air.
"Dey couldn't live, boss, if dey stayed in dere right 'long," he said.

"Wait until you are spoken to," said the dandified young man, at the same time tapping the boy on the shins with a cane he carried. The little fellow knew his brown fist was no match for the heavy headed walking stick and said nothing, but the light in his bright young eyes spoke volumes.

In a brief space of time the young man had forgotten all about the occurrence and again spoke aloud, this time addressing his remark to a pretty girl who stood at his side: "I'm glad I'm not a fireman. I couldn't be one, don't you know; I really couldn't."

Immediately the thin voice of the small boy replied: "Naw, yer couldn't. They only has brave fellers in the fire depart. were not "taking it easy," but had crawled

boy replied: "Naw, yer couldn't. They only has brave fellers in the fire depart ment, an'a feller of yer size as would litt a little un like me ain't no good, see?" At this outburst the pretty young lady turned a rosy red, and her escort evidently wished her many miles away as he fondled his cane and glared at the grinning face of the retreat

### Seem to Prefer Mixed Drinks

Chicago Times.]
The Western Avenue Literary Club, o Minneapolis, has taken out a license for the liquor. Recognizing that a little earning is a dangerous thing, the member he Pierian spring, but to confine their po ions to drinks of the Milwaukee sch

### DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Thomas H. Lee,

Thomas H. Lee, of Red Oak, Ia., Secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee, died of heart trouble after a brief Illness. Mr. Lee was born at Cadiz in 1843. In 1863, when 18 ears of age, young Lee enlisted in Company E, one Hundred and Forty-fourth New York Volunhe Hundred and Forty-fourth New 1012. In seers, and carried a musket for three years. In 1887 8 he served as Deputy Internal Revenue Col-lector under Collector Kuhlemier. Mr. Lee for lector under Collector Kuhlemier. Mr. Lee for several years was prominent in the councils of the forand Army of the Republic, was a delegate to the National Encampment of 1889, and a member of the committee appointed by the Department of Iowa to wait upon the Twenty-third General Assembly and request the setting apart of proper rooms in the State Capitol for the preservation of the Iowa hat-tie flags. Mr. Lee was Secretary of the State Com-mittee through last year's campaign, and was re-elected this year without opposition.

C. W. McCord. A sad telegram announcing the death of Attorney C. W. McCord, of Pueblo, Col., at Galreston, Tex., arrived yesterday evening. He wen to Colorado 12 years ago on account of disease of his lungs and practiced law in the city of Denver, Col., with the effect of grasping the Criminal Court of the State, and was one of the most prominent riminal lawyers in the West. He was a brother of criminal lawyers in the West. He was a brother of Drs. J. P. and George T. McCord, and one of the prominent lawyers of the Pittsburg Bar up until 1880. He started home to Pittsburg but death caught him on the way at Galveston. His body will be forwarded to Pueblo and possibly to Pitts-burg. He has many friends in this city and vicin-ity, being a son-in-law of R. T. Graham, of Etna, and brother-in-law of Dr. N. B. Graham, of Sharrsburg.

Rev. J. C. Ogle. Rev. J. C. Ogle, formerly of East Liverpool, died at Owagonna, Iowa, last Sunday. While he was delivering his sermon in the Methodist church of that city he suddenly sank into a chair, church of that city he suddenly sank into a chair, and, summoning all his strength, stated that he was unable to conclude his sermon, giving out the closing hymn at the asme time. He was given all the assistance possible, but soon sank into insensibility, and died from heart failure. Deceased was identified with the early history of East Liverpool, and married Anna C. Mast, of that place. He is well remembered, also, as at one time the principal of the public schools. He removed to Iowa some

John Buerly.

John Buerly, a well-known eccentric character of Greenville, Orange county, N. Y., oled last week at the age of about 5 years. He was a bachelor and lived alone in a little cottage, earning enough for his moderate wants by occasionally working for a neighboring farmer. He was a great Bible student, and had a mania for collecting copies of the sacred book. About 50 Bibles were found in his cottage in as many different editions, from the cheaper to the more costly.

Alexander G. Hopkins. Alexander G. Hopkins, member of an old and distinguished family died at the residence of ils niece, wife of Dr. D. M. Anderson, of Ander his niece, wife of Dr. D. M. Anderson, of Am son station, Baltimore and Ohio Raliroad, yes day morning. He was a brother of the late Col-Hopkins, of Washington. Pa., and uncle of Jos Wright, of the same pince, and of Hou. James Hopains, of Pittsburg. He was remarkable the acuteness of his intellect, as well as his in rity of character. At the time of his death he in his 82d year.

General Thomas Harrison. A dispatch from Waco, Tex., announce the death there of General Thomas Harrison. He was born in Alabama in 1823; removed to Missis

stppi in his early youth, where he was reared and educated: served throughout the Mexican War and the War of the Rebellion, participating in the capture of Murfreesboro and the campaign against Knoxville, and had taken a prominent part in politics in the State of Texas up to 1672, since which time he had devoted himself to law practice, Rev. B. W. F. Corley. While the funeral sermon of his wife was willie the Interest sermin of his wife was being preached in the Methodist Church of Towerhill, a village near Shelbyville, Ill., Sunday, Rev. B. W. E. Corley suddenly full from his seat and died in a few moments. The funeral exercises were postponed and yesterday the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Corley were buried together. The minister was a pioneer settler of this county, widely known and honored,

Obituary Notes

JOHN M. DUNNING, one of Rochester's (N. Y. best known attorneys, died Monday. He was a years old. JOHN RUNYON, ex-Alderman and Prethe Mutual Insurance Company, of New Brunswick, N. J., died Monday at the age of 67 of cancer in the stomach, after an illness of some months. He was a retired shipbuilder. JOHN MANAWAY, nged 78 years, died at Union

town yesterday evening. He was one of the most prominent colored men in that part of the State, and for years was owner and manager of the Spott-sylvania House in Uniontown. DR. J. H. GRAY died at his home in Meadvill Monday from a stroke of paralysis. He was 65 years of age and was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1871. For many years he was a atrung factor in the political movements in his section of the State. MUSIC AND SOCIETY.

Thousands Attend the Initial Concert in Allegheny-Yesterday's Pleasures. Not since the Semi-Centennial celebration has there been such a crowd in Allegheny Parks as there was last night. Almost 15,000 people crowded around the music stand to hear the initial free concert of the season.

hear the initial free concert of the season. It was given by the Press. There were ten policemen on the ground, but great as the throng was there was no disorder. At first an attempt was made to keep the crowds off the grass, but when the people poured in so rapidly even the lawns had to be utilized to find standing room. As for the music the Grand Army Band did itself proud. The opening number was "Gilmore's Triumphal March," which was followed by "Let Me Like a Soldier Fall," from "Maritana." Then followed a rich selection which closed with the "Dance of the Goblins" and "The Night Alarm."

EXTENSIVE preparations are in progress for the lawn fete to be given under the auspices of the Wilkinsburg Comandery, 158, R. C. U., Knights of St. John It is to take place on the 29th, 30th and 31st, and promises to be one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind held in Wilkinsburg this season. The fete will be given on the spacious grounds of St. James' Church. The ladies who have charge of the arrangements are very busy with preparations. It is unnecessary to say that all who attend are sure to have a pleasant time.

Social Chatter.

THE Fourth Avenue Baptist Church ple nicked at Idlewild yesterday. THE George C. Jenks excursion last evening was worthy its predecessor THE Fifth U. P. Church Sunday school, of Vebster aver Grove yesterday

MISS MARGARET CAMPBELL, the charming sister of Dr. Campbell, returned yesterday from a year's sojourn in Denver. Miss Dora Dossey departed yesterday for Morgantown, where she will spend four weeks with friends in camp on the Cheat

Mrs. Henry Kalbrell, of High street, Allegheny, and Miss Rosie Kalbrell, of Meyran avenue, Oakland, left yesterday for Parnassus, where they will spend a few weeks' yacation.

CONSUMPTION KILLED IT.

A Theatrical Manager Tells Why His Piece Was Not a Success "I understand your company busted up," he said to the theatrical manager just in

from "the road " "Yes, it's dead," was the reply. "What was the matter?" "Consumption."

"Consumption!" "Yes; plain, every day consumption. tilled the plece." "How in thunder could consumption kill

"Got a girl out West to play the living tatue, and she never said a word about it.' "About what?" "Consumption. The first thing I knew,

right in the middle of the most impressive tableau in the piece, this statue had a fit of coughing that like to have ripped the top of its head off. It died right there. A con-sumptive statue was more than even a jay audience could stand."

AN HONOR CONTESTED. California Claims to Have First Produ As You Like It in Arcadia.

York Telegram. Various items in the English papers claiming for Lady Colin Campbell the credit of giving an out of door performance of "As You Like It" for the first time has caused considerable comment in this city among actors and managers. It is alleged that the first performance was given in 1884. Yester-day Al Hayman, the San Francisco theat-

ical manager, said: "The English papers are all wrong. The "The English papers are all wrong. The people on the Pacific coast claim the honor of originating that idea. It was in 1882 when the Bohemian Club gave its first out of door performance. "As You Like It" was the piece, and Joseph R. Grismer, the actor, had charge of it. The piece was given on the Russian river, and was one of the most successful things of its kind over seen. The English papers copied a description of the performance, and I imagine it was in that way that Lady Colin Campbell heard of it."

The visit of the local undertaker to Se tary Blaine's cottage at Bar Harbor on Fri day was at once accepted as evidence that Mr. Blaine was dead. It never occurred to the people who came to this conclusion that even an undertaker is not always burying men and women. It now appears that Bar Harbor is such a healthy place that the un-dertaker cannot make a living, and his mis sion was to try to secure an office. The story is a reminder of the young doctor who con cluded that his patient had eaten a horse

## cause there was a saddle and bridle

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO. A party of Standard Oil officials A party of Standard of officials and friends are at the Monongahela from Phila-delphis and New York. It comprises W. G. Warden and wife, Miss Edith-Warden, Miss Eleanor Davis, Messrs. Herbert W., Henry and Nelson Warden, Henry L. Davis, Jr., Joseph Bushnell, Jr., of Philadelphia, and John and Frank Bushnell, of New York. John Murphy, of Spohn & Murphy, the South Murphy, or Spoint & Murphy, the Southside druggists, is enjoying a two weeks' vocation with the Big Four Fishing Club at Moravia. His stock of fish stories that has become depicted of late will be improved on during his present outing, and his friends are looking forward to a few evenings' entertainment on his return.

A cablegram received at Max Schamb & Co.'s agency resterday announces the sai arrival at Southampton of the Steame Havel, having as passengers from this cit Morris Kauffman and Miss Ethel Baker. Misses Mary, Louise and Millie Slagle, daughters of Judge Slagle, and their grand-mother, Mrs. R. D. Thompson, were passen-gers on the fast line last evening. They go to Long Island for the summer.

J. M. Shoemaker, E. B. Gormans and T. A. Gould, of Elinira, N. Y., are at the quesne. They are here to inspect the ous systems of rapid transit used in Prof. H. M. Rohe, of Curry University

went to Chautauqua last night. He will liver a lecture before the Business E cators' Association in session there. Sergeant Aiken, of the United States Army, passed through the city yesterday, in charge of a party of recruits for Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis. L. F. Barger, of Youngstown, and D. D. Moriarity, of Frankford Springs, two well-known Standard Oil men, are at the Ander

Ex-Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service Thompson passed through the city yesterday for Cincinnati, via the Panhandle. H. E. Waddle, of Wheeling, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Louis and Miss Emma Louis, of Bridgeport, O., are at the Anderson. J. E. Madden, of Lexington, Ky., owner of Wyandotte, one of the wir lay's races, is at the Monongs B. M. Gardner, L. W. Prior and C. F.

Emery, all of Cleveland, are at the Ander son. They are here for the races. F. A. Hall and G. W. Sill, of Warren, L. A. Hoves, of Butler; D. L. Corbett, of DuBols, and B. L. Lindsay, of Steubenville, are at the Seventh Avenue. I have warts on the knuckles, if you'd like to see

R. F. Myers, of Dayton, O., the wel known stock raiser, is at the Anderson. H is hore attending the races. E. B. Youmans, of Elmira, N. Y., ex-secretary of the United States Treasury, is at the Duquesne. Major Samuel Hazlett left last night Troy, N. Y., via the Allegheny Valley, on a business trip.

M. Strauss, the well-known glass man of J. W. Richard, a prominent iron manu-facturer of Bethlehem, is at the Duquesne. F. A. Bell, a prominent manufacturer of Buffalo, N. Y., is a guest at the Duquesne. Ex-Solicitor General George A. Jenks, of Brookville, is at the Seventh Avenue.

Herbert Dupuy and family went East on the fast line last evening. W. H. Remington, of Salt Lake City, is egistered at the Anderson. Major Brown went to Baltimore last The Brooklyn baseball team is quartered the Monongahela. Major E. A. Montooth returned from the CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A fast stallion who has taken to hating his driver and won't trot for him any more, is a York county, Me., curiosity. -The old-fashioned game of seven-up is gaining a footing at swell Bar Harbort

They say Senator Hale introduced it. -At Deposit, N. Y., a few days ago a dog owned by O. D. Wakeman found a pocket-book containing \$400 in bank notes. That is quite a valuable dog.

-A Texas cattleman says the outlook at resent is that the supply of cattle from that State will fall short 1,000 000 head as ompared with the number last year.

—A Lawrence, Kan., drug store window ornamented with two native leeches.

-There is an absolute potato famine in some parts of Maine, and the people have eaten no potatoes for several weeks, the old crop having been exhausted and no new ones imported.

-A member of Parliament proposes that the Scotch deer forests should be bought and converted into popular farms and pleasure grounds. The present rental of these areas is about £99,000 a year. -With the idea of preserving the Gaelie

language the Duke of Athol's daughter is preparing for the instruction of the Gaels of Perthshire in reading, writing and speak-ing their native tongue. -A remarkable exhibition was opened at

Berlin the other day. The exhibitors are the undertakers of Berlin, 32 of whom are repre-sented, and the exhibits are confined to coffins and funeral furniture. -It is a curious little fact, and one worth nembering, that on the same day, April

23, 1616, that William Shakespeare died in England, Miguel Cervantes, the celebrated Spanish author of "Don Quixote," died in -Lightning from a clear sky struck a Helena, Mont, woman the other day, and traced on her an almost perfect representa-tion of a small branch of a tree. The figures of the leaves were nearly perfect. She was not hurt in the least.

-A German biologist says that the two sides of the face are neveralike. In two persons out of five the eyes are out of line; one eye is stronger than the other in seven persons out of ten, and the right car is gen-erally higher than the left.

-They break up jams of logs in the Androscoggin with dynamite. The charge is lashed to a long pole and forced through the bolling water. The jam leaves at once, Formerly men went out on the jam, but it was very dangerous work. Sometimes eight cartridges are exploded at once. -At Augusta, Ga., a negro aged 73

was bantered to butt down the door of a

saloon for a drink. With two or three lunges he drove his head against the door like a steel hammer and the panels were splintered. He then took his drink and walked off as unconcernedly as if nothing had happened. -On the farm of Colonel W. B. Worsham. at Henrietta, Tex., there is a remarkable well. It usually contains about eight feet of

water, but when the wind blows from the north the well goes dry, and remains so until a change of wind, when the water again flows in and resumes its normal height. This strange phenomenon has been observed for several months. -The Egyptians had a very remarkable ordinance to prevent persons from borrow-ing imprudently. An Egyptian was not permitted to borrow without giving to his creditor in pledge the body of his father. It was deemed both an implety and an infamy not to redeem so sacred a piedge. A person who died without discharging that duty was deprived of the customary honors paid to the dead.

-A Western cattle rancher says it is becoming an every-day occurrence to see women out West dealing in cattle and women out west dealing in cattle and horses. The loneliness and hardships of the great prairies do not seem to deter energetic women from the purpose of conducting a profitable business. A few days ago a cattle queen from Idaho sold two carlonds of fine horses at Omaha at a much better figure than any man could have obtained.

-Charlie Conner, of Beaver Falls, has on exhibition a monstrosity in the shape of a chicken formed with two beaks, four legs, four wings and three backs. It is fully developed in every respect and lived for quite awhile after being hatched out. The egg from which the chicken was hatched was from which the chicken was latched was one of II placed under a hen. She brought out ten chicks and then left the nest, taking her ten chickens with her and abandoning the eleventh egg. The egg was put under an old goese that was setting, but as soon as it was latched out and the goose saw the man-ner of bird it was, she kicked it out of the nest and it died.

-A small family, consisting or man, wife and baby, is living in a big drygoods box in an open field near Worcester, Mass. The woman is 21 years of age and her babe 7 weeks. She says about a year and a half ago weeks. She says about a year and a half ago she married a farm laborer at Greendale. The baby was born in a boarding house, and she and her husband have been living together with the infant in the drygoods box for two or three weeks. He hires the land and the woman says he intends to put up a better shelter. She has a brick fireplace outside the box where she does cooking. The husband is a cripple and walks with two canes. The woman is reported as saying that she is perfectly satisfied with her lot.

-There are now blooming at St. Augustine, Fla., 16 plants of the agave Victoria regina species, or what is commonly called the century plant. A towering column rises out of the center of the plant to the height of 60 feet, but it is often relegated to the rubbish heap as worthless, for the reason that, as a thing of beauty, it has no further that, as a thing of beauty, it has no further charms for the eye. Yet many thousands of the shaving people of the Old World utilize this shaft of the plant. They make use of it as a razor strop. W. A. Chambers, auditor of the East Coast Railway Line, has had one in the East Coast Railway Line, has had one in use for many years, and it shows not the slightest defect from wear and tear. The strop is made by taking the shaft of the agave and cutting it into lengths of 13 inches; these are split into four, or as many "quarters" as possible, allowing to each piece a sufficiency of the pulp or heart of the stalk to present a surface not less than one inch, on which to strop a razor. The heart hardens in time and presents a fine, soft and naturally lubricated surface for stropping a razor.

LAUGHING WATER. "What do you suppose Thompson did when the flat he lives in caught a-fire the other

"No; he became wildly excifed, apparently, and threw his wife's pug out of the third-story window. Killed the brute, of course; and now she is wondering if Thompson didn't know just what he was loing all the time. "-Indianapolis Journal, As he sailed across the tide

Sent in an alarm?"

Foolishly he tied the sail To the railing at the side, And was sidled o'er the rall. When he landed in the sea, Where, though he could see the land, He was stranded 'mong the fishes Till they fished him from the strand,

-New York Herald

Weldon-"You a church member? You urprise me! I've know you for a dozen years, and never should have suspected it." Raredon—"My friend, you don't expect a men bring his religion with him when he co Change, do your - Chicago Tribune. "Have you 'Watts on the Mind?' asked a nd street girl of the intelligent clerk. "No, miss," replied the intelligent clerk, "but

"Gertrude refused Tom four times before she married him," said a girl to her friend at the "Ah, I see. It was a case of well shaken before Harry came in from his play roaring like

a little bull of Bashan. He cries so often and so easily that little anxiety is full when he is heard screeching his hardest. On this occasion his other said:
"Well, well, Harry, what now?" "Oh, I have skint my knee." "Skint ik Harry?"
"Oh, yes, yes! I was walking along and I fell down, and when I got up my knee was all skun up! Just see how it is skinded."—Thiedo Blade.

And with a pienty is content.

And likewise, too, the tramp who sleeps

And doesn't care to earn a cent. Kind-hearted employer-Mr. Grubber,

Peace fills the man who richly reaps

wouldn't you like to go and spends vacation of a week or two at some summer hotel in the country? Overworked employe Mr. Pushem, this comes so mexpectedly that that couldn't you send one