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GRIM-VISAGED DISASTER. The ill-omened wings of disaster have spread in every direction, and have covered the entire surface of the earth. No sooner have the telegraph wires finished the record of one calamity than they are again called into requisition to furnish to the public the history of other scenes that make the blood run cold. The latest horror is a railroad wreck in North Carolina, where, during the dark, murky air yesterday morning, a train with eighty-five souls on board

plunged sixty-five feet downward into a roaring creek. Twenty were killed outverely injured. The cause was spreading of the rails, and possibly could not have been prevented, but as in other disasters there must have been negligence somewhere. Either the track was not properly inspected by the men employed for that purpose, or the material used by the road was not perfect.

Inside of two months there have been no less than twelve railroad disasters causing loss of life. These have occurred both in the old and the new worlds, and in all cases the cause was traced to neglect of proper precaution by employes of the railroads. Other calamitous happenings, such as the collapse of a building in New York, are also chargeable to negligence in some particular. The fact that dereliction of duty has been proven, however, has not resulted in the punishment of those who were culpable. Whether this has had much to do with the accidents is a question that can hardly be answered, but it is time that the experiment of punishing for neglect should be tried. It is not believed that those who have been instrumental in the past in sending to death the victims of the disasters would have been careless if they had foreseen the results, but the time has come when heedlessness of duty should no longer be tolerated.

## WHAT WILL THE SONG BE?

The writers of songs are not usually conscious of the responsibility they incur. If they were some of them would be silent. Only the hardened criminals who can murder rhyme, reason and rhythm in cold blood would keep on composing bullads for theatrical and barrel-organ purposes.

At this moment the country is waiting be the instrument of torture this season. Last year it was "Comrades:" the year before "Down Went McGinty," and, if we remember rightly, "Where Did You Get half its joys in 1888. What does the future hold in store for us? Is the triumphant carol to be of the "White Wings" pattern or the "Some Day" stripe; will it be comic or sentimental, the chanson of the soubrette with the blonde curls. or the beloved of the Irish comedian with the red nose? This is a momentous question. No laughing matter, surely. Over in New York the other day a crazy woman was taken to Bellevue Hospital who persisted that her name was "Comrades, Comrades. Ever Since We Were Boys," and we are afraid that hers is not the only brain

that has been turned by that terrible tune. It is not the theater-going public alone that is interested in this matter; for the popular song is soon wafted far and wide by whistling boys, ground out by organs and pounded in by peripatetic bands. If there were any chance of touching the hearts of the song-writers, we would plead with them to turn their attention to making laws rather than songs for the nation.

## IMPROVING TRIAL BY JURY.

The committee appointed by the American Bar Association to consider the expediency of recommending a change in the present system of making the unanimity of twelve men necessary to a verdict in jury trials, has this report to make to the association at the Saratoga meeting:

Resolved. That the American Bar Associa tion recommend to the bar associations of the States the support of such legislation, or constitutional amendments, as will provide for a verdict by three-fourths of the jury in civil cases.

In coming to this conclusion this committee of eminent lawyers has been largely influenced by popular opinion. Men have been gradually losing their admiration, they say in their report, for trial by jury, and more and more mistrusting its efficiency as a means of doing justice. This feeling springs, they think, more than from any other cause from the fact that the verdict of the jury under the unanimity rule is so often, in the opinion of both sides, not the justice of the case, but a compromise, and because that rule so often

produces a mistrial. On the other hand, the committee admits that the result of the united wisdom of the jury, if the jury be well selected, is more satisfactory than the judgment of | penses, which would be nearly \$1,000 a day. any one man could be in such cases as are suitable for submission to the jury. And in this admission lies the secret of the unjuries are not well selected. That is to say, many men utterly or partially unfit | type for two years. to judge any cause intelligently are called into the jury box. The best men in the community are generally anxious to avoid juries could be selected with a view to their ability to understand the

the American Bar Association will be opposed by many who dislike changes in the forms of the administration of justice, but it is worth considering under the

SHERMAN SIZES UP SILVER. It is fortunate for the nation that two such statesmen as Senator Sherman and Major McKinley have undertaken to make the silver question intelligible, and to stem the current of craziness and dishonesty concealed beneath the plausible platitudes of the free silver advocates. Last week Major McKinley ventilated the subject pretty freely. Yesterday that sturdy master of finance, Senator Sherman, threw such a strong light upon the real inwardness of the efforts to upset our monetary system, and upon the disastrous results that must ensue, especially to the laboring man in shop and field, artizan and farmer, for whose benefit the free silverites pretend their plans are laid, that no one who reads his speech in THE DISPATCH to-day can doubt its elinching force.

Senator Sherman, as the friend of honest money for a generation, its chief defender in times of danger like the present, as a successful Secretary of the Treasury, and still more as a patriotic American full of years and wisdom, is one of the highest authorities, if not the highest, upon matters of finance and politieconomy that the country contains. His words are a warning which will command attention far and wide. Democrats as much as Republicans are interested in choosing the right course in the treatment of silver. Party success not only depends upon it, but also, what is more important to the nation, whether we shall enjoy or not the prosperity which good crops at good prices, fair wages, and industries developing and extending into new fields under the tariff's protection promise to us. It ought not to take much cogitation for sensible and patriotic men to decide after reading Senator Sherman's speech that it is, to use his words, "better to retain the good we have than to embark right, nine so seriously injured they will in a dangerous experiment that may leave not recover, and twenty more were se- all our industries on a silver basis, conetized, all contracts disturbed, and an indefinite issue of treasury notes, limited only by the silver of the world."

> HELLO! CHEAP TELEPHONES. People who are paying high prices for telephones here will be interested in the advertisement of a New York corporation, which proposes to sell Bell telephones in South America, Mexico and the West Indes, setting forth the terms upon which they will sell the instruments. The advertisement states that for \$80 they will sell an outfit consisting of "two Bell telephones, two Blake transmitters, two magneto call bells, two back boards and battery boxes, two Lelanche battery cells to operate transmitters, two flexible cords to connect telephone and call bells, one mile of No. 12 galvanized iron wire, 35 pony glass insulators with wooden brackets, 100 feet insulated office wire, spikes for brackets, staples for office wire, screws, etc." By discounts this price may be reduced so that the complete outfit for a private telephone line one mile long, with all the Bell instruments and appliances, may be obtained for \$46 25. This not for rental but sale, so that the fortunate denizens of countries south of us can own their telephones at a cost less than Pittsburgers pay for a yearly lease of an instrument hedged in with all sorts of rules and regulations more or less vexatious. Some idea of the profits in the telephone business can be gathered from

SOMEBODY suggests in the New York Morning Advertiser that it would be a good thing in these days of tank and buzz-saw avs to write a drama around a cable on things with a vengeance, for New Yorkers don't expect to see Broadway passable and equipped with a cable car for heaven knows long. A drama founded upon Broadway That Hat?" robbed life of more than as it is to-day would be too like an aggravated variety of the tank play to be novel, and its name would probably be "Mud!"

> SOMEWHERE in the far West Senator Stanford is trying to start a Presidental boom for himself. As yet it has not swelled to any material size, and there seems to be but little danger that the trade winds of the Pacific will succeed in carrying it Eastward over the Rocky Mountains.

SECRETARY OF WAR PROCTOR does not come up to the standard of George F. Edunds, whom he is to succeed as United States Senator from Vermont, but he is a good deal petter fitted than some of the mer who will be his associates to serve the peo ple. Mr. Proctor is a good example of the men of affairs with the money-making fac ulty highly developed, who are dominant in politics on both sides at the present day.

Tur World's Fair directory have declined Eiffel's proposition to set up a tower and have accepted an American plan. As far as possible it is desirable that America should turn out the tall features of the Ex-

THE Elmira Gazette thinks that "the growth of a better understanding of Governor Hill, an understanding of the man as he is," is advantageous to the gentleman who is Senator and Governor at once. A strong impression exists that a general and accurate comprehension of what Governor Hill is, is the chief bar to his advancement,

An American girl has married a Bayarian Count who owns a little brewery. It was her bar'l probably that attracted this smallbeer aristocrat.

fifty is a judge or justice of the peace. Fig. uring by comparison with the courts here, thirty-nine of the remaining forty-nine pec ple are lawyers and the other ten are balliffs and constables. No wonder the New Zeal-

#### tions of any consequence. SARAH BERNHARDT'S NEW SCHEME.

A Professional Tour Around the World

With One-Night Engagements. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27 .- To Sarah Bern hardt belongs the credit of projecting the most audscious theatrical scheme on record. The idea is a tour of the world on a specially chartered steamship of not less than 3,000 tons, carrying the company, scenery, and incidentally treight, to help defray the ex-Henry E. Abbey was in close consultation with Mr. Spreckles, of the Oceanic Steam ship line, on the subject during his recent visit to this city. It has leaked out that he satisfactory working of jury trials. The had almost completed negotiations for the exclusive use of a steamer of the Mariposa

Mme. Bernhardt has figured that by going around the world it will be possible to play at all the leading cities at the height of the season in each place. The company can jury service, and jurors as a rule do not represent the average intelligence of the rates on scenery will be avoided, and onepopulation from which they are chosen.

If juries could be selected with a Orient. It is proposed to sail from Havre, touch at leading ports of Portugal and touch at leading ports of Portugal and Spain, thence proceed to the Mediterranean Spain, thence proceed to the Mediterranean along the river, running ashore to visit Italian and French cities, Vienna, Buda-Pesth Bacharest. Thence the troupe would go to Paris, Alexandria and Cairo through the Suez Canai, to India, Australia, Chima, Japan, Vancouvers, San Francisco, the cities of Spainsh America, the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Cuba and the eastern coast of the United States. Then crossing the Atlantic the company would finish its tour in London and Paris.

#### A PHILADELPHIA OPINION THE STATE LEAGUE FIGHT.

Upon the Straight-Out Republican Agitation in Allegheny County. Philadelphia Times.

Republican Convention, and consisting largely of ex-Republican office-holders, met in Pittsburg on Tuesday and nominated three Republican candidates for Judges of the new court created by the Legislature list winter for Allegheny county. Governor Patrison had already appointed two Repub-licans and one Democrat to the new Judgeships, and the regular party organizations of both parties indorsed the Governor's appintees for election, thus taking the sele pointees for election, thus taking the selec-tion of the new Judges entirely out of the nale of partisanship. The straight-out con-vention was too straight-out to do so sens ible a thing, and nominated three Repub-licans, neither of the two appointed by the Governor and indorsed by both the regu-lar party organizations being among the number. The weakness and folly of the so-called

The weakness and folly of the so-called straight-out convention are shown in the reasons given for its action. There was but one valid reason for refusing to support the candidates indorsed by both parties, and that was their unfitness for the position to which they had been appointed by the Governor, and for which they were placed in regular nomination. No charge of unfitness was brought against them, however, but a mild censure was visited upon the two Republicans for having accepted what was termed a mongrel nomination, that is a nomination by two party organizations, with a Democrat for a running mate. In other words, the only sin of the regular ticket was that it contained one Democrat and had received a Democratic indorsement.

The voters of Allegheny county will rightly consider this a fault that is better than most virtues and will cast a practically unanimous yote for the non-partisan judicial ticket. If there is one thing the voters of Pennsylvania have settled it is that they want the judiciary elevated above the mire of partisan politics and a movement in the face of this clearly-expressed sentiment is certain to meet with scant favor. The Republican party leaders in Allegheny county were wise to bow to this sentiment and a movement aimed at their supremacy will need a better motive than that of opposition to a non-partisan judiciary to command any respect from any honest citizen. The Allegheny Straight-outs and they will doubtless get what they deserve.

Discussing Glacial Formations. WASHINGTON, Aug.-The general subject of discussion at to-day's session of the Inter-national Congress of Geologists was the gla-cial formations of the pleistocene period, or that following the tertiary period, immedi-

## NAMES FREQUENTLY SEEN

NINE cradles have been presented to the Duchess of Fife.

MR. GLADSTONE now appears to have uite regained his usual health. THE Hon. Hallam Tennyson, only suriving son and heir of the Poet Laurente.

enters upon his 40th year. GENERAL VON VERDY DU VERNOIS, who is the original inventor of the war game, is regarded in Germany as the most scientific oldier in Europe.

"You may," recently said Prince Bis marck, "tell everybody that I would regard any diminution of our corn duties as a na tional misfortune. MME. THIERS left to her sister. Mile.

Dosne, her far-famed collection of strings of

pearls, which it took three years to bring to gether, and the price of which was 400,00 THE Haitian General, Hippolyte, is about 60 years of age and of coal-black complexion. He is the son of a college profess

of Port au Prince, and is a man of conside ble learning and cultivation. ELLEN TERRY'S daughter, who some tin since adopted the stage name of "Ailsa Craig," has definitely resolved to make the stage her profession, and will be a member of the Lyceum Company next season.

SIR RICHARD TEMPLE will, presumably, end his Parliamentary life with this Parlia-ment. He has told his South Worcester constituents that he shall not again contest the seat, and that he has no other constituency

SIR HENRY POTTINGER has just leased in Norway what is perhaps the largest sport ing estate in Europe, the area being about the size of Yorkshire, and the game varying from the elk to the rhyper, while saln and trout are in abundance. This immense tract includes veid, flord, moorland, and river, but is very thinly peopled. ONE of the distinguished Americans at

present in London is Prof. Arthur Sher ourne Hardy, the novelist and mathemati ist in this country also, by the "Wind of Destiny," and by his historical romance, "Passe Rose" He is Professor of Mathe matics and English Literature in England University and he has just finished

IT is reported that the ex-Rev. Hugh O. Pentecost, who recently was a very prominent evangelical "Evangelist," has an nounced a change in his creed. He believes now in no God, no devil, no angel, no immortality, no soul, no heaven, no hell, no says, are figments of the imagination. It is curious to notice how things disappear from a man's view when he gets into a hole.

QUEEN VICTORIA possesses the oldest watches in the world. She has two beautiful little gold ones by Bregnet, that are sup posed to be a hundred years old. They have silver dials and are about the size of a two shilling piece. One is a blind man's water the other is a repeater. Both go perfectly and are in constant use. Her Majesty's far orite watch is a large plain gold one by Mudge, the English maker. It is about twice as big as an ordinary man's watch.

## PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

"Bill" Crosby, of the Anderson Hotel, bronzed, and cheery as usual, has returned from a three weeks' vacation trip at Cambridge. He says the water there has peculiar properties, one effect of drinking it being it destroys all taste for fermented liquors. In this respect the place is calculated to rival Keeley's place at Dwight, Ill.

David Fisher, chief of the fire department of Oil City, returned home last night. He has been here for the past three days engaged in extinguishing the fire at the Cook well. His method was quite successful.

W. S. McCarthy, Arthur Shriver, W. J. Walker, W. O. Hoffman and F. Edwards are a party of Cumberland, Md., men who have run up to the city for a brief pleasure trip. They are staying at the Monongahela.

Anderson hotel guests last night included C. C. McKinney, of Titusville; Miss N. Sher-rard, Principal of the Washington Female College, and J. T. Leary, a Pounsylvania Railroad man from Fort Wayne. Mrs. L. T. Mason and her daughter, Miss Louise, of Ashville, N. C., stopped over at the Anderson last night. They leave for

New York this morning.

H. F. Ingraham, of Cleveland, Peter Hitchcock, of Cleveland, and Judge Edward Campbell, of Uniontown, are guests at the Monongahela. Captain Tony Hazlett, of Allegheny, Albert Barr and J. C. Bergstresser were among the arrivals from the seaside yesterday.

A. K. Medwood, a commercial man from Manchester, was at the Anderson yesterday. He left at night for Cleveland. P. A. McCullough, the Penn avenue iruggist, and Dr. J. C. Lang left last evening for a trip to Atlantic City.

left yesterday for California, Pa., where they will spend a month. E. F. Latham, superintendent of the plate glass works, Butler, was at the Schlos-ser last night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Miller, of Vine street,

President William Smith, of the Flints, returned last night from a business trip to Watercure. J. M. Warner, the prominent iron man of Philadelphia, is a guest at the Monongahela. Edward A. Young, of the Duquesne Bank, has gone East on his vacation.

Mr. Chisholm, of Cleveland, and Attorney McKee went East last night M. H. Hoting left last night for New York and other Eastern points. James Wood, son of John A. Wood, home from his summer outing. John F. Ford, the Baltimore manager, is

Mrs. A. E. Hunt was an Eastward pas-

etters of Robinson and Dalzell Stir Up a Commotion All Over the State-Opi Vary According to the Point of View-A convention calling itself a Straight-Out Interesting Editorial Epitomes.

> The struggle for the presidency of the State League of Republican clubs has taken an unexpected turn through the letter of Robinson appealing to Dalzell to withdraw and thus avoid a factional squabble. Mr. zens and strangers had gathered here. Judge Harry White extended welcome. The sponses were delivered by several promi-ent soldiers. The soldiers formed in parade, high was the largest and finest ever seen Robinson in his letter proposes that both the principals in the contest shall retire in which was the largest and liness ever seem in this vicinity.
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> After the \$,000 veterans had paraded over the principal streets they marched to the fair grounds, where an excellent dinner had been laid out for them by the ladies of the city. The column was formed by the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves, Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers, One Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Volunteers, One Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, One Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, One Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Two Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers and the Fourteenth Cavalry. This afternoon was mainly devoted to holding different regimental reunions. The Indiana County Soldiers' Association also held its reunion, after which the several business sessions of the different associations were held. After supper the columns again formed for dress parade, when they broke ranks until 7:30, when they gathered for the last time this year around an old time roaring camp fire, enlivened by story, incident and joke, and perhaps a little of pathos. Among the many from Pittsburg prominent in military circles, were W. F. Bradberry, J. F. Chalfant, P. D. Perchmont, W. J. Glenn, James Shaw, Norman L. Shaw, Colonel Duff, F. S. MeBurney, J. N. H. Dougherty, D. Walker, Colonel Dick Coulter and many others. One of the notables present, who received many congratulations, owing to his excellent health and appearance, was ex Governor Beaver, who made several happy speeches and was the life of a circle around the camp fire to-night. this vicinity.
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> After the 3,000 veterans had paraded over the interest of harmony. Mr. Robinson pro-fesses to feel secure with the old organizations which were recognized by the Executive Committee, but with the admission of the "mushroom" clubs that the Daizell men are organizing nightly throughout the Western counties he is bound to be defeated. Robinson's letter may be regarded as a sign of weakness or a bluff according to the standpoint from which it is viewed. That anything will come of the proposition is extremely improbable and dispatches from Pittsburg report Mr. Dalzell as saying that he is in the fight to the finish and does not propose to get out for harmony or any other consideration proposed by his opponents. Whatever motive may have induced Robinson to make the proposal, it should be promptly accepted by Mr. Daizell in the interests of the party. The League is, it is true, a matter of small importance in itself and its usefulness remains to be demonstrated, but the most insignificant matters are often the occasion of nations going to war and this League business may become an element of discord to disrupt the party. No one can tell. that he is in the fight to the finish and does

A Donnybrook Fair.

Philadelphia Telegraph.] Congressman Dalzell has a sharp tongue in his head, and he has been using it in characteristic style, in reply to the offer of his rival, "Jack" Robinson, to retire from the contest for the Presidency of the State Republican League. Sometimes a man can in-duige in this sort of sarcastic literature with profit, and then again he cannot. It may be quite true, as Mr. Dalzell suggests, that Rob inson has only been playing a part in this matter for public effect. Nevertheless, this contest has undoubtedly resulted in a great deal of harm to the Republican party. The deal of harm to the Republican party. The whole thing is not worth such an undignified squabble. Young men in politics should be taught better practices than those which seem to be prevailing in certain big circles. If these clubs have any legitimate object it is to make and bring out Republican votes, not to disgust peaceable citizens and drive them away from the organization. Everything indicates that the coming Soranton convention will be a regular political Donnybrook Fair. If this should be the case no good, but only harm, will come to the Republican cause. It is time this controversy was ended, and Robinson's suggestion, as remarked yesterday, is one of the most sensible things he has yet been guilty of, to put it in that peculiar way.

Thinks It Will Be Harmonious

Sharon Eagle.] The leaven of harmony in the Republican runks in Pennsylvania is working with satis-factory rapidity, and especially since the State Convention last week is it more noticeble. The only bone of contention of any importance now is the contest for the Presi dency of the Republican League, between the two brilliant Republican leaders, Messrs. Dalzell and Robinson, and indications are that that cloud will be dissipated before the meeting of the convention in Scranton next

## Not of the Onitting Kind.

Eric Times. 1 Robinson writes to Dalzell, suggesting that both withdraw from the contest for the Presidency of the State League of Republicin Clubs and let some other fellow take the prize-someone to be agreed upon by Rob-inson and hisally, the present President of the State League. Such an arrangement he the State League. Such an arrangement he would call a compromise "in the interest of party harmony." But it is quite likely that Daizell will not look at matters in that light. He has more than enough delegates among those already elected to swamp Robinson at the Scranton Convention, and if they are denied admittance the onus of the operation will not rest upon the Western Pennsylvania candidate. Daizeil never was much of a quitter; "be sure you're right, then go ahead," has been a good enough motto for him, and it is probable that he will stick to it.

Party Success.

Bradford Star. 1 Congressman Robinson's proposition to John Daizell that both withdraw from the eague of Clubs in the interest of harmony, is a manly overture which Dalzell cannot refuse to consider favorably if he is not actuated by selfish and factitious motives. Robinson truly says that the success of the Republican party is a consideration that should outweigh personal ambition.

## One Mistaken Editor.

Franklin Press.]

Hon. John B. Robinson, of Delaware unty, who is a candidate for President of the Pennsylvania Republican League, has written a letter to his competitor. Hon John Dalzell, of Pittsburg, agreeing to withdraw in favor of a new man if Mr. Dalzell will do likewise. The offer is made in the interest of party harmony and Mr. Dalzell will prob-ably accept.

Sick of the Contest.

hiladelphia Bulletin. It is reported that Mr. John Dalzell has de clined to accept the Robinson proposition and withdraw from the contest for the Presidency of the Republican State League. We one that Mr. Dalzell will think better of this. There are very few Republicans who are not sick and tired over the petty squab-bling for this office and over the absurd at-tempts to magnify its importance.

## Thinks Jack Is Magnanimous.

Wilkesbarre Record.]
John B. Robinson, in the interest of harmony, has written a letter to John Dalzell, proposing that both withdraw from the contest for the Presidency of the League of Re-publican Clubs. This is magnanimous on Mr. Robinson's part, for he certainly has the advantage of the present contest which, if pressed to a finish, might result in his elec-tion. True, Mr. Dalzeil lately has improved his chances, but still there is no positive as-surance of his success and therefore he ought to consider Mr. Robinson's proposi-tion in the spirit in which it is made. Why not let Mayor Stewart continue in office again for another term? This would be a proper solution of the matter. proper solution of the matter

## A Question of Confidence

Dubois Courier.] A late proposition by Hon. John B. Robinson to the Hon. John Dalzell may end the strife between them for the Presidency of the League of Republican Clubs, and preven possible injury to the party in the State. The rivalry between them has grown bitter and now Mr. Robinson, who has more support pledged than Mr. Dalzell, proposes t his opponent that they both withdraw from the field and leave it to others. He asks it the field and leave it to others. He asks it professedly in the interest of harmony, and of Mr. Dalzell and his friends have confi-dence in what Mr. Robinson says they had better accode. They will stand better before the whole people than if they fight and win or lose in a contest destined to injure their party, and their opponent can scarcely be charged with seeking a mutual retiremen through fear of defeat at the Scranton Con

## Norristown Herald.] Mr. Robinson's proposition to withdraw as a candidate for Chairman is the most sen-

sible yet emanating from him. He ought

and a pioneer of the earliest date, dropped dead in New York Tuesday. Mr. Sneer was born in Wash-ington county, Md., 1835, and went to Des Moines with his family in 1845. not to be discouraged by the refusal of his competitor to acquiesce. He can still with-draw and prevent a contest, which is certain to end in his defeat, and he should lose no with his family in 1846.

JULIA JACKSON, one of the original colored troupe of Fiske Jubilee Singers, died recently in Englewood, Ill. She had been an invalid for several years, having been stricken with paralysis while singing in Europe with the company. me in taking that course. THE COLLAPSE OF A BRIDGE Mhie singing in Europe with the company.

ALBERT BARNETT, believed to be the oldest Free
Mason in New York State, died at Clayville, N. Y.,
Sunday, lacking less than four months of being 100
years of age. He was an enthusiastic angler and
innter, and was injured in a railroad accident at
the age of 97 years.

REFE HIRSCH, the gifted young French planist,

Hurls Two Workmen to Their Death Injure Several Others. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CUMBERLAND, Mp., Aug.27 .- An accident oc curred in this city to-day which resulted in the death of one man and the injuring of several others. While some workmen were engaged in building the bridge which will span the three tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Cumberland street it fell with a crash, carrying the men with it 60 feet. feet.
John E. Minnix, of this city, was instantly killed and Walter Miller, of Paw Paw, W. Va., was fatally injured. The other men escaped with slight injuries.

THREE THOUSAND VETERANS

Camp Fire at Indiana, Pa.

CHILDREN DISCOVERERS.

Making Telescopes,

As in many other cases of discovery that of the telescope appears to have been the re-sult of a playful accident. Several stories are

told about it, but they are all similar. The

one most generally accepted tells how, about the year 1590, just 300 years ago, the children of Zachariah Jansen, a spec-

however, a cotemporary, gives the credit to James Metius, a glasscutter in Holland

whose brother, a professor of mathematics and a maker of burning glasses and mir-rors, fit upon the discovery in the same way that Jansen's children are said to have done.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Ex-Senator S. C. Pomeroy

the matter went before the Rainess courte the Dis-trict Attorney entered a noile prosequi. Never-theless Mr. Pomeroy's political prospects were-blasted, and never afterward re-entered public life, but made Washington his residence.

Lyman C. Draper, Historian.

his boyhood was spent in Springfield, Pa., but h

Mme, Agar, Actress,

Pietro Rosa, Archmologist,

Rome, in 1815, of a family related to the great painter of the Seventeenth century, Salvator Rosa Until 1848 he was the architect of Prince Borghese, Napoleon III, confided to him several works, notably the restoration of the famous Practorias camp at Albano, in 1860, and the excavations in the rains of the palace of the Casars in 1861. His greatest work, the topographic map of ancient Laium, involved the topographical restoration of all the tombs of the Appian Way and innumerable archeological and geographical explorations in the Boman Campagna.

Mrs. Joseph R. Stauffer.

Obituary Notes.

GEORGE W. VEDDER, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y. known as the 'lightning artist,' died Tuesda

ROBERT T. RAINEY, for years chief clerk o Carnegie, Phipps & Co., died Wednesday at Mani-ou Springs.

CARDINAL BUHAGIAL, apostolical delegate in

the republics of San Domingo, Haiti and Vene cuela, is dead in San Domingo.

GEORGE SNEER, ex-Mayor of Des Moines, Ia.

The death of Pietro Rosa, Italian archæe

Mme. Florence Leonide Agar, a one

Draper, for 35 years Secretary

Samuel Clarke Pomeroy, ex-United States

tacle maker, residing at Middleburg,

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

March in Parade and Gather Around Another Granite Glacial Glant To the Editor of The Dispatch: The glacial boulder referred to in Tues day's Disparce, on the farm of William Whaley, north of New Castle, Pa., is far out-Indiana, Pa., Aug. 27.—The largest and by far the most successful old soldiers' reunion ever held in Western Pennsylvania was held here to-day. By noon 20,000 old soldiers, citirivaled by a granite boulder in Columbian county, O. This is a monster of the species, and ites on the farm of Benjamin Pepple,

OUR MAIL POUCH.

It is 15 feet and some inches in one of its dimensions, over 12 feet in another, has a flat, slanting top and one end is over 6 feet high. It is the largest "hardhead" in the high. It is the largest "hardhead" in the State, and, making a fair guess at what may be beneath the ground surface, its weight may be put at 120 tons. In another locality, perhaps one mile east of this glacial vagrant, on the Bates farm, at the side of a small ravine, is a group of boulders of unusual size, generally pear-shaped, and from 3½ to 4 feet high, large masses of granite, but completely dwarfed by the colossal specimen in the vicinity.

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It is really a considerable section of a granite ledge, and was evidently lifted from its
bed and transported and deposited at its
resting place, without much wear and tear,
as it is angular with but little of that rounded-off character so common to that kind of
rocks. Those were stirring and exciting
days when the agencies of nature were in
such commotion, that the rocks arose from
their stratified beds and journeyed thousands
of miles over valleys and hilltops to take
their stations as silent sentinels to testify
to what had been, tens of thousands of years
later, when man had so advianced as to be
able to interpret the test mony.

Wampum, Pa., August 27.

Registration Not Necessary.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: In one of the morning papers I notice these words: "Save your vote," and goes on to say Thursday of next week, September 3, is the last day of the final extra assessm voters under the new law, and so on. Do I understand by this that all voters must now be assessed or not get a vote at the election November next? How is it about one who will become of age after September 3 and be-fore November 4? Could such a person have a vote or not?

DAILY READER. Pitrishung, August 7.
[The Constitution of the State provides They Accidentally Found the Principle for

that you can vote whether registered or

## Taxes Must Be Paid.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Will you kindly inform me through the Will you kindly inform me through the columns of your valuable paper whether there is any limitation in regard to time of collection of delinquent county taxes. Can the taxes of 10 or 15 years ago be collected now if no notice has been served for that number of years?

M. J. SMITH.

PITTSBURG, August 27.

[There is no provision in the State law requiring that notice begiven. The statute of limitations does not extend against the State 1.

#### Boys Want to Be Soldiers. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

tacle maker, residing at Middleburg, in Holland, were playing one day in their father's workshop and observed that when they held between their fingers two spectacle glasses, one some distance before the other, and looked through them at the weathercock of the church it seemed inverted, but very much nearer to them and greatly increased in size.

Their father, when his attention was called, saw that one of the glasses was convex and the other concave. He made experiments and ended by fixing such glasses in wooden tubes a few inches long and selling them for curiosities. Another acpount tells us how one Lipperscheim discovered the telescope in a similar manner. Descartes, however, a cotemporary, gives the credit Please inform me whether it would be egal for a number of boys over 16 to form a nilitary club to be called "The Marion Commander." Pressure, August 27.

[There is nothing to prevent the formation of such a club as is suggested. It can, however, occupy no place among the military organizations of the State.]

#### He Has a Three-Tailed Fish. To the Editor of The Dispatch: I noticed in your paper this morning an article relative to a fish with a double tail.

SHADTSIDE, August 27.

Senator from Kansas, chiefly remembered because of the celebrated bribery scandal in connection with his candidacy for re-election in 1973, died at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Whiten, at Whitins-BACK TO BRICK WALLS. Fresh Air Children Return to Their City

the residence of Mrs. J. C. Whiten, at Whitinsville, Maso., yesterday morning, aged 76. Mr. Pomeroy was born in Southampton, Mass., in 1816, and educated at Annherst College. During the early times of "bleeding Kansas" he was active in the organization of the New England Emigrant Aid Company, of which he was the financial agent. In 1834 he conducted a colony to Kansas, which founded Lawrence, masing the first settlement in that Territory. He was Mayor of Atchison in 1839. He took a conspicuous part in the organization of the Territory, and in the famine in 1850-61 he was President of the Relief Committee. He was first elected to the United States Senate in 1861, and recleved in 1867. He was candidate for a third term in 1873, but charges of bribery being brought before the Kansas Legislature he falled of re-election. It will be remembered by many how Mr. York distinguished himself by exposing Pomeroy during the latter's investigation by the United States Senate about that time; nevertheless the defendant was "whitewashed" by a majority report. When the matter went before the Kansas courts the District Attorney entered a noile prosequi. Nevertheless Mr. Pomeroy's rolling prosequi. Homes With Heavy Hearts. [SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] MEADVILLE, Aug. 27.—The departure of the undred "fresh air" children for their homes, if they have any, in New York, was almost as interesting as their arrival here some weeks ago. The little ones were in some weeks ago. The fittle ones were in the main heavy-hearted, and more than one touching scene was witnessed on the train that bore them away, as they had made many friends here and promises were ex-tended that another year would bring them

In several instances the children preferred staying here with their new mothers, and arrangements will be made to have some of them adopted, after a conference by mail with the managers of the "fund" in New York

## COMMENTS ON MILLER'S STORY

of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, died of paralysis Wednesday, aged 76 years. Dr. Draper was born in Eric county, N. Y., in 1815. Part of Entr. Times: The 20 columns of evidence presented in THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH of yes erday, in the "Shoebox" Miller case, will be was born in Eric county, N., A. in lock.

his boyhood was spent in Springfield, Pa., but hereceived his common school education at Lockport.

N. Y. Here be worked on his father's farm and served as clerk in village stores. Since then he has devoted his life to the collection of material relating to Western history and biography, on which subjects he is regarded as an authority. He completed his education at Granville College, O. He became editor of a newspaper in Pontotoc, Miss.. In 1864, and two years later was clerk in the office of the Eric Canal at Buffalo. He spent the next ten years in historical research, living with a relative in Philadelphia. He removed to Madison, Wis., in 1834 to become Corresponding Secretary of the State Historical Society, and has been instrumental in securing for it albrary of 116,00 volumes and valuable antiquarian collections. During a later interval he was State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In 1857 he began to devote Honorary Secretary for life. Among his historical works are "Collections," "The Heiping Hand," "The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence," and "Border Forsys and Adventures." accepted by most people as conclusive proof that Miller was innocent of the Clarion county robbery, for which he was convicted, and is, besides, decidedly interesting reading. It leaves the impression, however, that the story which comes from Cleveland is also correct, and that prior to the bond rob bery Miller had been something of a crim-inal and an associate of thieves and burglars. Since his release from the Western Penitentiary he has shown himself to be man of indomitable will and has evidently tried to lead an honest life; he should be given a helping hand, and the moral support of a good wife is just the kind of aid he ought to have. Here's hoping that Miss Mosby will not go back on the criminal of 12

venrs ago. OIL CITY Blizzard: Monday's PITTSBURG DIS PATCH contained a remarkable article, twenty-one columns in length, giving the Mme. Florence Leonide Agar, a once celebrated French actress, died in Algeria, August 17. She studied classical declamation with the tragedian Bleourt, and acted first at the little Theater de la Tour d'Auvergne in "Phedre." She was the original actress of the wandering youth in Francois Coppe's "Le Fassant," first done at the Odeon in 1869. During the siege of Paris Mme. Agar sympathized with the insurrectionists, for which reason she was not allowed to remain at the Comedie Francaise, which she had rejoined in 1872. She has been seen in Paris quite recently, however, for in 1878 she created the role of Mme. Bernard in Augier's "Les Fourchambault," and in 1872 she made a great hit at the Ambigu Comique as Elizabeth Boiska in "Les Meres Ennemies," by Cattile Mendes. strange story of the man best known as "Shoebox" Miller. As will be remembered, he was convicted of the robbery of John Conners, at Catfish, in Clarion 1881 and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. This story gives in detail all the evidence necessary to establish beyond a loubt that he was in Cleveland the night the robbery was committed, and that he had nothing to do with it. The details of how he escaped from the penitentiary in a shoebox are also given. The article furnishes a commentary on the unreliable character of circumstantial evidence which will not soon be

logist and Senator, is announced. He was born at Rome, in 1815, of a family related to the great ALTOONA Tribune: THE PITISBURG DIS-PATCH yesterday devoted several pages to in exhaustive effort to show that the man known throughout the country as "Shoebox" Miller was unjustly convicted of robbery, and if there is any virtue in human testimony it makes out its case. It is singular, however, that the alibi which is now clearly proven could not be shown ten years innocent, as the narrative printed by THE News has reached Scottdale of the death DISPATCH seems to show, this fact deserved the widest publicity, and The Dispatch has of Mrs. Joseph R. Stauffer, who has been at Lev-ansville, Somerset county, for a week. She died auddenly of heart failure. She was the wife of the President of the Scottdale Bank, and one of the operators of the Dexter Coke Works. Her re-matus will be brought home to-day. ione a bit of benevolence which is much to

its credit. UNIONTOWN Standard: THE PITTSBURG DE PATCH of yesterday and to-day endeavors to show the innocence of James W. Miller, more familiarly known as "Shoebox" Miller. by publishing affidavits and confessions of those who are acquainted with the circumstances of the robbery for which Miller was imprisoned. It is claimed that his innocence is established and that a member of the gang who perpetrated the crime made a confession prior to his death. Miller has to LAFATETTE HARRITY, a leading member of the Lancaster county har, died at Lancaster Tuesday morning. He was 49 years old and had been prom-inently mentioned for the office of District Judge. a great degree since his release from prison lived down the shame which was heaped upon him. ROBERT D. RAY, late Chief Justice of the Su-preme Court of Missouri, died at Carrollton, Mo., Wednesday morning. He was a victim of the grip, Judge Ray was born in Kentucky in 1817 and went to Carrollton in 1889.

SCRANTON Republican: THE PITTSBURG DIS PATCH devotes 20 columns to a story in vindi-cation of "Shoebox" Miller, who served seven years in the Western Penitentiary for box made him famous and who gained addi tional notoriety through the Mosby-Mitkiewicz affair.

KITTANNING Sentinel: The evidence pro cured by "Shoebox Miller," so called, and a reporter of Tas Pirrsaung Disparca, and printed in that paper on Monday last, is in our estimation conclusive of his innocence, and makes some very interesting reading. OIL CITY Derrick: It is undoubtedly gall ing to remain quiet under false aspers supposing in this case they are false, but the world is so constituted that vigorous protest is retronctive, and only makes matters

REYE HIRSCH, the gittee young French plants, is dead at the early age of 21. He was a Parisian and the nephew of M. Wormser, composer of "L'Enfant Frodigu." He was graduated from the Paris Conservatione with honors, and appeared successfully in London last year. WASHINGTON Post: A Pittsburg paper has devoted 20 columns to a defense of "Snoc-box" Miller. This is undoubtedly the most CHRISTIAN W. BURKHOLDER, for 20 years the ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the Union Station in Harrisburg, died suddenly at his home in that city Wednesday. He was born in Franklin county 67 years ago and was one of the proteges of the late Thomas A. Scott. He fell on the streets from neuralgia of the heart. striking long distance vindication on record. WHEELING News: "Shoebox" Miller may not succeed in establishing his innocence, but he can earn a fortune in any enterpris-

## EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL.

Fourth Day of the County Teachers' Institute-A Number of Pienies. As the Teachers' Institute draws toward he close, the instructors lighten their solid matter with as much amusement as possible. No matter how good may be the mental fare provided, it does get rather wearisome to sit in a hall every day for a week and listen to directions for teaching children and pre-venting their falling into bad educational habits. The instructors in the institute realize this, and they try to make their lectures amusting as well as instructive. Then music is made as prominent a feature as is consistent with a proper carrying out of the purpose for which the institute is conducted. Yesterday Prof. Ecker played several selections on the great pipe organ, for the first time since the institute has been in session,

and the teachers evidently enjoyed the music thoroughly. It was a diversion that can hardly be too highly commended.

After the opening exercises yesterday morning, Dr. Hall resumed his general talk on the duties of teachers. He said, in the ourse of his remarks, that he believed every cher should be an earnest, conscient

The Committee on Certificates.

Superintendent Hamilton announced the ection of the following Committee on Pernauent Certificates: J. D. Anderson, Wil-kinsburg; C. D. Coffey, Braddock; Alex. Phillips, Chartiers; S. P. Hammel, Tarentum, and C. D. Cook, Mansfield. In his lecture on how

C. D. Cook, Mansfield. In his lecture on how to teach music in an ungraded school, where the study has never held a place, Prof. Russell said: "The teaching of music will soon be compulsory in all the States, and I advise every teacher to learn it, so as to stand a chance of getting better pay. You need not be a singer to teach music. Some of the best teachers I know cannot sing a note." Dr. Maitby wound up the morning session by a very able address on "Pestallozzi."

The afternoon session was opened with an address by Hon. J. Q. Stewart, Deputy State Superintendent, to the directors of Allegheny country. Mr. Stewart is a very fluent, rapid speaker. His enunciation is remarkably clear and distinct, and, although he eschews commas altogether and makes the pauses after his periods almost unnoticeable, every word he ntters is understood by the andience. Mr. Stewart advised the directors to pay their teachers decent salaries. He said they could not expect to get first-class goods for a nominal price. They should have good schoolhouses, too. No expense should be spared in this matter, and everything should be made as bright as possible for the teachers. After making sure that they had good teachers, they should encourage them by making their work as pleasant as possible for them.

A Few Words for Teachers.

A Few Words for Teachers. TA the teachers Mr. Stewart addressed a few pleasant words. He reminded them that the teacher is next to the parent, and that they should be in sympathy with all the tastes and interests of the little ones under tastes and interests of the little ones under their care. In this way, and this alone, could they expect to reach the best results. Dr. Hall then spoke on "A Good School." He said that a good school is like a good egg. It is good all through. It cannot be half-good. A good school costs money, but then everything that is good costs money— everything that is really good. He indorsed the remark of Mr. Stewart that there must be entire sympathy between teacher and

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be entire sympathy between teacher and scholar.

Dr. Maltby, in touching on the relations between directors and teachers, said that a kind word given to a teacher in the morning lightened her work for the whole day. Upon which a young lady in the audience remarked, "That's a fact."

In the course of the session yesterday, County Superintendent Reed, of Beaver, county, announced that the next meeting of the State Teachers' Association would be held at Beaver Falls, in July, 1892. He invited all the teachers of the institute to be in attendance. County Superintendent Hamilton announced that there would be a meeting of the School Directors of Allegheny county in the Court House September 10. This ended the day's session. This will be the last day of the institute. We have in our aquarium a three-tailed fish. L. M. HAMILTON.

Social Chatter. A veny interesting lecture was delivered by Rev. F. Krecker at the Evangelical Church, Fulton street, last night. Mr. Krecker has been a missionary in Japan, and his lecture was full of anecdotes of the peculiar country and the people that dwell therein. The lecturer showed himself to have been a keen observer, and he remembered everything he had seen, apparently. There was a good sized audience.

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The children of the Catholic Orphan Society enjoyed a picuic at the Glenwood picuic ground on Seminary Hill yesterday. The sisters of the asylum were in charge, and they took with them many of the destitute children of the two cities for the day's outing as well as the actual members of the asylum. It was a glorious day for the youngsters. youngsters.

The sound of children's fresh voices in Old City Hill yesterday gave token that the re-hearsals for the Fairles' Carnival, for the benefit of the Homeopathic Hospital, are proceeding industriously. There will be a nd of children's fresh voices in Old renoral rehearsal to-day

An "open meeting" of the Patriotic Sons of America, of Braddock, will be held next Wednesday evening. Addresses will be made by County Superintendent of Schools Prof. Hamilton and Prof. Coffey. THE fete of the Wilkinsburg fire department is going along merrily. The quiet little borough is in a state of high excite-ment just now. The fete is a great success,

The first annual reception of the Pompeli Jinb, of Allegheny, will take place at Sem-ple's Hall Monday evening, September 14. The Venus Club, of Allegheny, will give its first annual bail Monday, November, 2, in MISS LILY DOWNEY and Miss Mame Conner,

#### of New York, are guests of friends in the A RICE EATING MATCH.

Fifteen Chinamen Inaugurate a New Contest for Prizes.

an Francisco Chronicle, 1 A Chinese rice-eating match seems some thing "new under the sun." Imagine a long table in the ironing-room of Marchey's washhouse at 245 Minna street. A huge dish of boiled rice in the center and 15 bowls of boiled rice close to the edge of the table, Fifteen bald-pated, pigtailed Celestials stand Fifteen bald-pated, pigtailed Celestials stand in front of the 15 bowls of boiled rice, and 15 chop sticks are grasped in the right hands and 15 more in the left hands of the 15 Celestials who stand before the 15 bowls of boiled rice. Fifteen pairs of almond-shaped eyes watch eagerly, hungrily the every movement of Marchey, their patron, who is soon to call time. Marchey is a Chinese sport. He does not wear a mustache, but he does carry a cane. He does not wear a pigtail, but he does wear civilized habilaments, even to a stand-up collar and a gaudy silk four-inhand. Beside being an all-around sport, Marchey is proprietor of the laundry in which the wonderful rice-eating contest is to take place. Marchey celebrates all holidays. Last Memorial Day he had a fateating contest, with a grand capital prize of \$2.

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This year the capital prize was the same. Hop Kong, Ram Kee, Ti Jing You, Ti Jing See, Lee Long, Charlie Hop and Tising Powere the leading contestants. The others could not win, for they had not starved long enough. Ti Jing You had been without food for 24 hours. "Time," or its equivalent in the Mongol tongue, was at last called out by Marchey, who stood at the head of the table, watch in hand. The chopsticks flashed like lighting. As fast as one bowl was emptited another bowful was set before the contestants by one of the three busy attendants. For half an hour they ate and not a word broke the stillness. The spectators, a few of Marchey's friends, watched in silent amazement. Then the feasters began to reel and stagger, and it was noticeable that none of the contestants could stand as near the table as before. Then they dropped off one after another, and sank extended the standard and almost hursting into odd content and sank extended the standard and almost hursting into odd content and sank extended the standard and almost hursting into odd contents and sank extended the standard and almost hursting into odd contents and sank extended the standard sank extended the standard sank and sank extended the standard sank extended the sta as near the table as before. Then they dropped off one after another, and sank exhausted and almost bursting into odd corners and dilapidated chairs. When the hour was reached only Ti Jing You was still enting. He was declared the winner of the capital prize. The other contestants had their stomachs full for their pains.

#### GENERAL NORTHWESTERN FROSTS. Much Damage Done to Uncut Grain, Ice

Forming on the Heads. MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 27.—Special dispatches indicate some damage by frosts to crops at points in the Northwest last night. At Church's Ferry, N.D., the frost did damage to green, uncut grain. The thermometer registered 28% Ice was found on the heads of wheat in many fields. Farmers tried to smudge fires to very large extent, but some think they did not commence soon enough. At St. Vincent it was 32° last night, but there was apparently a much heavier frost than last Saturday night. About 70 per cent. of the crop is harvested. At Pembina, N. D., it was 40 below freez-At Pembina, N. D., it was a below freezing. Frost injured the wheat considerable. At Winnipeg. Man., the much feared frost came in rather a formidable shape. The thermometer was from 2° to 5° below freezing all over the province, and there can be no doubt that much damage was done.

## CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

A mining corporation in the copper re-gion of upper Michigan will sink the deepest shaft in the world—over 4,000 feet, at least. Recent examinations have shown that the amount of soot which falls in London each

onth would require 1,000 horses to cart it -Probably the rarest stamp in existence has just been sold in London for £250. It is

an American 5-cent stamp issued at Brattle boro, Vt., in 1840. Itinerant musicians are not allowed to

sojourn in St. Petersburg, and those who are of foreign nationality are not permitted to pass the frontier of the empire. -Coal equaling that of the finest Lehigh

Valley grade has been discovered in Brazil, the veins being from 4 to 25 feet in thickness. The mines are situated at and near Sonora. -A stamp collector in Boston, the possessor of a collection of 12,545 stamps, wished to marry a lady who is the possessor of the blue penny stamp of Mauritius, issued in 1847.

It is now the intention of European engineers to store the waters of the Nile to such an extent as to enable a greater extension of the cotton and sugarcane crops in that re-

pointed station agents on the elevated rail-ways of Brooklyn. They have been so suc-cessful that the managers will appoint

During the last month the total value of British and Irish produce and manufactures exported amounted to £21,945,112, against £24,321,336 in July, 1890, or a decrease of 9.8 -It is proposed to put up in New York

City the largest business building in the

world. It will be constructed of steel, 25 stories high, containing 1,000 offices and costing \$4,000,000. In Michigan alone it is believed that

5,000,000 bushels of peaches will be gathered this season. The crops of pears and plums promise also to be beautiful in various parts of the country. There is a marble mine, recently located, at Providence, Cache county, Utah, that yields a marble so much like mottled onyx that the difference can only be discovered by the use of chemicals.

-It is said that chocolate is used in the interior of South America for currency, as

are cocoanuts and eggs. Norway even now uses corn for coin. In India cakes of tea-pass as currency, and in China pieces of silk. -It is reported that a nugget of gold in one mass weighing 35 pounds has recently been found in the newly explored gold district in British Guiana, and has been sent to England as a spectmen of the auriferous de-posits in that country.

-In Austria it has been found that the slanting of letters in writing causes curvature of the spine, due to the position main-tained at the table or desk, and a supreme council has recommended that uprignt let-ters be cultivated in schooling. -A lady living in Torrington, Conn.,

found a humming bird with its bill buried

half an inch in one of the wooden posts of the veranda of her house and quite dead. It had evidently darted at a flower close by and struck the post with such velocity that it could not get away. -An English naturalist has discovered proofs that the bedbug was quite common n the armies of the world at least 120 years

before the Christian era, and that he was ever a sea rover, as the fleets of that day had their timbers stocked with this breed of nocturnal prowlers. -Boston is the only city in the world which preserves an exact record of the proceedings of its Common Council, Every motion, argument and remark, no matter how unimportant, is stenographically taken down. The members are, therefore, very careful of their utterances.

-C. P. Bailey, of San Jose, the leading importer, breeder and dealer of Angora goats in the United States, and who has for years in the Chied Saltes, and who has for years kept a herd of Angoras at Soledad estimates that his clip of mohair this year will reach 25,000 pounds, of a value of \$10,000. The total number of goats and kids in Mr, Bailey's different herds is said to amount to -Vegetation in the Alps recedes down-

ward from year to year. Formerly Alpine roses grew at an altitude of 7,600 feet. Now they are seldom found higher than 6,500 feet, and are at that height stunted. Beeches have gone down to 1,200 feet. Various ber-ries which once flourished 7,500 feet above sea level, do not grow in higher altitudes now than 5,800 feet. -Italy, a country which furnishes Eng-

land with so large supply of organ-grinders, has a national law by which the whole itin-erant class, whether peddler, rag merchant, snoethics, or musician, together with a list of others, are required to enter their names on a register, and toobtain a certificate from the local police. Registration may be refused to young persons and to suspected characters. -The quickest bridge building on record was done by an engineer named Dredge, who, in eight days, put an iron span across

the Blackwater in Tyrone county, Ireland. the Blackwater in Tyrone county, Ireland. It was 74 feet in length. Dredge died before the popular agitation was begun in Philadelphia for a modern bridge across the Schuvikill at Wainut street. That project was discussed for a quarter of a century. The Schuyikill, at this point, is deeper than the Bronx and nearly as deep as the Harlem -Newark has a most eccentric woman She is old, and is said to be just as rich as she is eccentric. Her sole companions are cats, and the house fairly swarms with them

She holds an idea that her feline pets are more honest than men, and, therefore, she rolls up the money she receives from rents in small packages and gives them to the cats, saying: "Here, pussy, put this away for me." Her home is littered with money, it is said. Under the carpets, in the corners, in rat holes and in every conceivable place bills and coins are stuffed. -At a recent meeting of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Dr. A. Bruce read a paper on a case of cyclopia, or single eye, which has come under his notice. There was a single socket for the eye, of a lozenge shape, and situated in the middle of the bas of the forehead. The socket was furnished

# The nose was represented by a short process of tissue and skin attached to the forehead above the medial eye. A microscopic section of the socket showed two rudimentary eyes, with the two rudimentary retine apparently springing from a single optic vesicle.

with two pairs of eyelids, upper and lower.

PICKINGS FROM PUCK. "I am so glad, my son," said the loving mother of the rising young architect, as she fondly stroked his head, "that you have done so well, How much money do you expect to make this

How much pear?"

"Well, mother," replied the talented young man, "that is hard to tell, but I am sure of \$2,500. You see," he continued, gently pressing his mother's hand, "I have just got an order for four Smithkins-Hello, Doc! What are you

doing?
The Doctor—Trying to kill time.
Smithkins—Why don't you prescribe for him If all is true I read about the girl Who sports beside the blue, rip-roaring sea I guess it's lucky that I staid at home-I don't believe she'd hardly look at me.

the office)—Oh, Mr. System, have n't you forgot-ten your umbrella? It's raining.
Mr. System—Can't help it. I 've made a resolu-tion to have one here and one at home, to provide for all emergencies. Now, if I take this, they'll both be at home. Shippen Clarke (to his employer, leaving

Old Mr. Hayrake-You city fellows are very siv. You come up here and take our pretty girls out sailing and buggy riding; but I notice you never talk none about it.

Tom de Witt-No; when we go to see a girl more than once, the whole village does the talking.

He advertised, as a bit of spite, For a nurse for his little kids, And Government-like reserved the right To reject all bids.

id Scroggs' daughter? Eastman—That is just what I should like to North-What do you mean? Eastman—When I went to buy the railroad tickets the agent wouldn't take a cent and handed me Scroggs' mileage book.

North-Is it true that you eloped with

Mrs. Young-John, did you succeed in

matching that piece of dress goods I gave you this morning?

Mr. Young-No; my time was too precious; but (triumphantly) I've bought enought of something else to make you a whole gown!