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The election of Robinson as President

of the State League of Republican clubs vesterday terminated a contest which long ago lost all features of dignity or recklessness which dominate personal politics. At the incention of the contest there

were considerations which, as politics go, were worthy of weight in the public mind. There was the question of localitywhether Western Pennsylvania or Eastern Pennsylvania had the best claim to the Presidency of the organization. There was also the question as to who of the candidates would be the more creditable head of the Republican organizations. Both as a Western Pennsylvania man and as an orator and thinker immeasurably superior to his opponent, THE DISPATCH recognized and stated that the Hon. John Daizell presented the preferable choice.

But it is necessary to say that after the campaign had opened on those very acceptable lines, it rapidly degenerated into a personal fight, in which the lower level of political methods seemed to be deliberately preferred to the higher. A contest which has for weeks been confined to a competition as to which side can most industriously manufacture mushroom clubs and most violently necuse the opposition of doing the same thing does not give any important political significance to the final result.

As to the effects of the fight on the politi cal prospects of the State they can very easily be overstated. When its echoes have passed away, things will be about where they were before, except that the club organizations originally framed for the high purpose of honorable political work are now shown to be dominated by extrast dy undestrable machine methods.

ORATORICAL FLIGHTS AT SCR ANTON Tropes and metaphors "thick as leaves

in Vallambrosa's forests strewn" adorned the oratory of the nominating speeches at Scranton yesterday. Our own Major Moreland easily carried off first honors for a high style of eloquence in his presentation of the name of Congressman Dalzell, But it was probably not the comparison to tional profit, Prince Rupert, or Somers, or to Miltiades, which had most significance for that sort of a convention, but rather the sharp, cal thrust in which the Major spo of the disasters which attend personal dietatorship within parties.

Mr. Schaeffer, of Delaware county, who out up the name of Robinson, was also predecessor, drop into the classics to any extent worth speaking of, but, in the line of the picturesque his great imaginative sketch of the League, "sabers in hand, waiting for the bugle to sound the charge In which we will break through the thin lareast of Bardslevism and fraud, behind which the enemy has endeavored to entrench" is hard to beat. The elaboration of this martial spectacle in which Mr. Schaeffer, farther along, depicted his warmors wearing "shields of American tin" and "swords that were wrought from American silver" may be regarded as a little bizarre from a strictly military standpoint. Still, it is not so bad as if Mr. Schaeffer had made the swords of tin. which a less careful orator, vielding wholly to rhetorical impulse, without regard to military expediency, might readily

The work of party direction has become so intensely practical and prosaic in these days, that there is seldom room for extraordinary flights of oratory; but in justice to the Scranton convention it must be said that in this respect at least it made | the favor on Philadelphia. That is a disthe most of its opportunity.

HE DECEIVED HIMSELF.

The account of the death of Balmaceda coming, as it did, from the same source which had previously given us a detailed account of his escape to the United States flagship in the disguise of liquor and a sailor's togs, was naturally to be received with reserve. As four days have clapsed any new spot, and as Mr. Egan has discharged his regular diplomatic function of it is safe to conclude that the recent ruler

career by the tragic act of suicide. This makes it pertinent to moralize a man appears to have addressed to the people of the United States. In this letter asserts that he acted under the firm conviction that he was right; who has charge of the Northwest for the but that he was deceived by his generals, who all lied to him. Being Shepard genius. Of course, the man who decrived by those immediately about him is the common fate of the ruler who let it get away to Blaine, and, from the tries to set up an absolute power on the Shepard point of view, after convincing ruins of popular government. The man Mr. Blaine of the fact will be able to get whose idea is to place himself above the people has been subject to such deceptions from the time of Darius down to that of Napoleon III. The man who Harrison interest may not be the best regards himself merely as a custodian of authority as to Mr. Blaine's intentions, popular and constitutional government, although he affords a beautiful testihardly imagine Lincoln or even Jefferson ness of the popular demand for Harrison. Davis taking refuge after complete defeat in the plea that they had been utterly blinded and deceived as to the true state of affairs. The phraseology of the comequally doubtful whether any politician plaint, "My generals were false to me." proves the position which Balmaceda had reached of regarding himself, and not the Constitutional Government, as the ruler to which the Chilean generals owed

L Yet this was the one point on which an intelligent and honest man could not be | ferment and was too honest to purchase it. deceived by his supporters or sycophants. This is offset by the assertion that the same | N. H.

However, Balmaceda might have been hoodwinked as to the feeling in his army or the strength of his opponents, as, if anyone told him that the Executive of a Republic had the right to override its Constitution, he must have known that it was a sthat Jones does not pay the freight. lie. No one but himself can be responsible for the deception of the idea that any justify him in "assuming all the powers of" the Government," as he had declared that, he had done. When he says he sought to-News Rooms and Publishing House, make his country the first Republic ine selves. America by a policy of usurpation and military dictatorship, the apparent falsity of the means must be laid on the shoulders

of the dead Dietator himself. Balmaceda's tragic end and his exculpatory letter furnish a warning against the blind and misleading ambition which must rule over an Executive who tries to exalt himself above the laws and establish his personal rule by the overthrow of consti- and New York may by that time have gone tutional and representative government.

PROFITS AND COMPETITION.

A Buffalo cotemporary accuses the fruit growers of that vicinity of a lack of enterprise in failing to "jump over the middlemen and get right at the consumer." To accomplish that purpose it advises them to "combine, take a store in Buffalo, advertise it and retail fruit at a fair percentage over wholesale rates," which it is asserted would insure the sale of an almost unlimited quantity.

The suggestion is a good one in the abstract as pointing out the remedy for excessive profits to the middlemen on any staple of wide production and consumption. If there is any such barrier between producer and consumer, in the shape of a charge beyond the fair return for purchascreditable political significance, and became the example of the pettiness and method of correction is equally open whether the staple is fruit or vegetables, butter, eggs, meat or grain. But as a business proposition the adoption of such a measure must depend on the unswer to two questions-first, whether the retailers' profit is really excessive; and, second, if it is whether the combination of the farmers to sell their own product will be more effective than the competition of other dealers, who for the sake of getting a share of the traffic will be content with a moderate business.

As to the first point, it is worth while to remember that, in the very business instanced, what looks like a very large margin of profit may be the opposite owing to the perishable nature of the merchandise handled. Say that a merchant buys \$50 worth of peaches and sells them at a price that would realize \$100. A hundred per cent. profit looks large, but if half the peaches spoil on his hands he has had his labor for nothing; if one third perish, he makes \$16; and so on. It is plain that in such a business the faculties required are skill in working up a large sale of the articles, in closely watching the market, and in attracting the steady patronage of consumers. It is well worth consideration whether those qualities are most likely to be developed under the present system or under such a combination as that suggested.

We believe the competitive more nearly than any other reduces the cost of distributing products to the consumers to a minimun. There are doubtless cases where trade has run in certain fixed channels so long that profits are excessive. But in such cases some enterprising merchant is sure to come along and take the trade out of its rut. That competition generally fixes a fair margin of profit is demonstrated by the fact that the very trade accused by our cotemporary of excessive charges on perishable commodities almost universally sells the less perishable staples

AN UNDECIDED POINT,

The rain-making experiments at El Paso have been most effective in producing rain at other points. The first day's cannonading of the skies was a rather light attempt, and was accompanied by a light shower at that place, with similar rains in magnificently fluent. He did not, like his New Mexico and near Galveston, and a heavy shower at San Antonio, five hundred miles away. The next day the bombardment was resumed with terrific force, and the accompanying result was a clear sky at the scene of the explosions, with rains in New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming and another heavy shower at San Antonio, which in the two days enjoyed a rainfall of 1 1-3 inches.

According to the logic of the experiment the San Antonio people should be very much in favor of the continuance of the explosive rain producing at El Paso. while El Paso's citizens will doubtless favor the transfer of the bombardment to San Antonio. It is important to have the experiments continued until it is quite clear whether the result is the production of showers at the point of explosion or at some other place from thirty to three hundred miles away. The importance of this point is vital. Western Pennsylvania at present would be very glad of rain; but it is essential to know, whether in order to get it, the explosions made in the vicinity of Pittsburg will produce it here or confer tribution of rain between the just and the unjust on which it is necessary to have more light than exists at present.

DECLINING FOR BLAINE.

The anxiety of the friends and mouthpieces of the Harrison administration about Mr. Blaine's course has reached the degree of agony. The latest expression of it is the deliverance of the New York Mail without locating the defeated Dictator in | and Express, reported in the telegrams to vesterday's DISPATCH. The assertion, that Mr. Blaine is pledged to refuse the desire confirming the news three days after date, of the great mass of the Republican party that he shall be the candidate, bears the of Chile has signalized the close of his earmarks of Mr. Russell Harrison's favorite plan for side-tracking the Blaine boom, with some additional touches in the best little on the expressions which the dying style of Colonel Elliott F. Shepard's most

admired idiocy. The phraseology of this announcement to the effect that it comes from "the man President," is quite in the line of the "has charge of the Northwest" will not what he wants from him in the way of declinations. But a politician who is engaged in holding up the Northwest in the less liable to such defeat. One can monial to the spontaneity and genuine-It is extremely doubtful whether the Northwest can be carried in the pocket of any one politician for Harrison. It is

> who is undertaking that large contract has any authority to speak for Mr. Blaine. It is stunning to find the New York Telegram intimating that the reason why Jones of Binghamton did not get the New York Democratic nomination is that he was called upon to pay a round sum for the pre-

thing is true of Cornelius M. Bliss with As regards the Bliss part of the story, tion has not very great weight. But it is

Some one has stolen the original draft of quarrel with Congress was sufficient to the Wisconsin Constitution. In this State no time is wasted in stealing nullified docu ments of that sort. The politicians and co porations simply ignore it until the day when they can get it-changed to suit ther

SPEAKING of a proposed monument to Hendrick Hudson, the New York Telegram says: "The discoveror's memorial must be completed by next September, if at all, as September 9, 1892, is the anniversary of the day in 1609 when he landed on the bluff now known as Atlantic Highlands." To allow New York only a year to get-up a monumer is wholly out of all reason. Fix September '9, 1909, for the completion of the memorial nt business out of respe out of the monume for her own reputation.

IT seems after all that Porter's uncon pleted census has already cost more than the finished and unduly prolix census of 1880. Porter seems to have been bent on

THE report that the young Emperor of Germany has sought a reconciliation with the old Chancellor, expresses more the estimation of the gravity of the European situation than the desire for amity on the part of the latest Hohenzollern. But the report is probably groundless. The Emperor is tak ing a flight on the wings of vanity, and Bismarck is very nearly on the level of senile spite because the lesson of absolutism he taught has been turned against

Ir Jones, of Binghamton, Mczes blin, of Brooklyn, and one or two mot fellow sufferers would pool their issues, the result ing chill might effect an amelioration present unseasonable torridity of the atmos-

SIR JOHN E. GORST, Secretary of the India Office, is making it uncomfortable for the Tory Cabinet by his bad habit of blurting out the truth. He declares that no rea od is possible for England without a complete reform of the landed system. This is true enough, but Sir John should know better than to disturb the harmony of the funeral by stating unpleasant facts

AUDITOR GENERAL MCCAMANT'S neck

ties, in connection with the Bardsley letters

and receipts, seem fated to furnish a necktie social for the Auditor General's political "MEDDLESOME legislative interference with the affairs of large cities" is one of the things denounced by the New York Democratic Convention. In view of Croker's un disputed control of the convention this stab

at the legislative investigations which ex-

posed the \$10,000 godfather business, and the Sheriffs who make people divide with them,

is a fearful revenge. JUDGE JONES, of Cleveland, just re turned from a visit to the Pacific coast, reports that everything out there is for Blaine. Is last year's excursion so soon forgot?

"THE King of Italy is plagued by Uranus," remarks the profound Zadkiel, "and finds his Treasury exhausted." The superiority of the republican institutions appears in the fact that we can find our Treasury exhausted without any trouble from Uranus or any other of the heavenly bodies-except an extravagant Congress.

Wurn Fllight F Shapard's Mail and Er. press says that Blaine will refuse we may take it as an ex cathedra decision that he ha got to-in the opinion of the Harrison crowd.

WITH the mills of one city in this coun try turning out flour at the rate of 30,000 barrels per week, this country does not seem to be in any danger of bread riots. Our of sugar, flour and salt at a merely frac- riots are generally produced by relations with whisky, and the immediate cause is not scarcity, but overabundance of that staple of consumption.

THERE is reason for the belief that the hunger for bread in Europe the coming year will be something of a check on the pro fessed thirst for gore.

It is perhaps cool comfort to read in an esteemed cotemporary that "the snow will fly in two or three months more." But that postponed coolness is not what the public longs for. It is the cessation of the present reckless flight of the sun's rays that is more earnestly expected.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

Too much mushroom may spoil the Republican broth, and the young colts should

A PRISON cell is a reality, but in Fitz

simmons' case it was a purchase. Propie who kick about a hair in the soup will complacently munch the oyster.

beard and all. THE hungrier the place-hunter the fatter the office he aspires to.

THE hand that rocks the crying child. While hush-a-bying till all's calm, Is now by fruity stains defiled, As it's engaged in making jam.

A smiling, powderless countenance sets off the new fall bonnet nicely, but unfortunately it's hard to make the dear creatures

It's plain Deacon White is no farmer, else he would have known that this is

Is'ny it about time to place Gen. Humidity on the retired list?

SPRING chairs are perfectly proper

pieces of furniture at any season of the yea BARDSLEY wouldn't burn those letters,

but that shouldn't prevent the firing of the THE mushroom clubbers will doubtless drown their sorrows in drink.

THERMOMETERS are fragile, but when they drop they don't brenk.

He stood near the bridge at midnight And saw the last car onward roll: Alas! his was truly a sad plight-He hadn't one cent for toll

The Flower barrel will be the most conspicuous feature of the New York Gubernatorial campaign.

OPEN doors admit draughts, hence the ail doors must have been sjar when that \$5,000 draft entered Fitz's cell. FINE feathers and silly cackling make a

girl appe r chic only in the eyes of the JOHN BULL is the most fleet-footed citizen of Europe at the present time.

Jaws work incessantly in chop houses,

The National Junior Order Election TROY, N. Y., Sept. 23.—The National Convention of the United Order of American Mechanics to-day elected officers of the Na-tional Council as follows: National Councilor, Thomas B. Chapman, of Hartford Vice-Councilor, R. A.Cassidy, of Ohio; secre-tary, John Seraer, of Philadelphia; treasurer, Joseph H. Shinn, of Camden, N. J.; marshal, J. H. Campbell, of Iowa: protector, Albert E. Dodge, of Manchester, N. H.; doorkeeper, E. C. Owen, of Virginia. It was decided to hold next rear's session at Manchester ing fits, and is expected to die in one before Brooke has of late kept in the backgrou next year's session at Manchester.

GOSSIP OF THE TOWN.

akota Air Makes Men Grow - Gipsy Fortune-Tellers in Sewickley-The New Chicago Heraid, 1 Railroad Route to the West-Dilatory Readers of Books. pulled herself out of the mud and began

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-Lieutenant Maxwell, of the United have so enriched the people of England and States Army, said the other day: "They tell some singular things about the resourses of the Dakotas, but I can vouch for the extra-ordinary effect of the climate. When I was paving act of 1762 may be regarded as the beginning of the better state of things now shown by English roads. In 1769 Arthur at West Point my height was 5 feet 91/4 inches, and I rather think I lost than gained Zony gave a most graphic description of the terrors of English country roads, and numerperceptibly in height during my stay there. I had reached the age when growth upous other accounts fully corroborate his narrative. In Scotland things were not any wards anyhow is supposed to stop, and was over 21 when I went to Dakota. I was stationed there over a year and during that time I grew 3½ inches, bringing my height to 6 feet 1 inch. It astonished me, but Dakotans better. So bad were the roads there that oatmeal, turf, straw and other articles were carried on horseback, and it took a common carrier a fortnight for his journey between told me that the climate often has that Selkirk and Edinburgh, a distance of only 38 miles, and a coach and six required six

Gipsy Fortune-Tellers Active.

-For several weeks a little band of Gipsies has been camping up Little Sewickley creck, and pretty nearly every woman in the Sewickley Valley, and a large number of the men, have had their fortunes told by the dark-eyed women of this strange race, Some of the readings of the past were very accurate and a few of the predictions made by the Gipsies have already come true. As isual, young and impressionable girls have obtained the greatest satisfaction, and if the natrimonial business does not boom in Sewickley this winter there will be a lot of appointed damsels there. But predictions have not dealt with affairs of the heart. In one case the Gipsy fortune teller told an Edgeworth woman that she might expect the sudden death of a four-legged member of her establishment, and legged member of her establishment, and the very next day a horse belonging to her died, and as if to emphasize the fulfillment of the prophesy, a favorite dog was run over and killed on the railroad. The Gipsies moved their camp a day or two ago, but though they are now a couple of miles from Sewickley Village, the fortune-teller has enough to do to attend to the pilgrims.

The New Western Outlet.

-Railroad men, both here and in Chicago are watching the development of the Baltimore and Ohio road between Pittsburg and Chicago with considerable interest. The opening of the new short cut between Akron and Chicago Junction has brought the B. & O. route via the Pittsburg and Western a larger share of through passenger traffic from Pittsburg to Chicago than it ever enjoyed before. The new road, which is 63 Joyed before. The new road, which is 63 miles in length, effecting a saving of no less than 28 miles, is exceedingly well built, straight, and through a pleasant country. So well patronized has this P. & W. Chicago Express been since the new road was completed that the institution of a through vestibule train from Chicago to New York, via Pittsburg, is talked of as a certainty, probably within a year. The train service is to be enlarged this fall, anyhow, and the benefit of vigorous competition between the railbe enlarged this fail, anyhow, and fit of vicorous competition between the rail-roads linking Pittsburg with the West will be felt more substantially here than any-

Fining Dilatory Readers.

—A great many people who take books from the Carnegie Library fail to return them within the two weeks, according to the regulations, and have to pay a fine of two cents a day. As yet the largest fine paid on a single volume tetained beyond the limit has been 80 cents, representing 40 days and considerable annoyance to the officers of the library. One regular user of the library calculated the other day that in six months be had paid—by reason of forgetfulness more than anything else, for almost any book can be read in two weeks—exactly 10 cents a volume for the works he had taken out. Even at this rate he deemed the library a great convenience.

The library is extending its usefulness all the time and the number of readers has

The following officers were elected: Rev. Bernard Hehl, of Pittsburg, National President: Philip Schindler, New York, Vice President: Charles C. Och, of Pittsburg, Recording Secretary; Joseph Relman, of Pittsburg, Corresponding Secretary; Joseph Matt, of Buffalo, Finnecial Secretary; Henry Ress, of St. Louis, Treasurer. the time, and the number of readers has begin to swell again now that the summer vacation is over, and the women especially are settling down in their city homes.

Chicago Still Pretty Smoky.

-They talk pretty big in Chicago about tolishing the smoke nuisance, and it is true that there is not such a heavy fall of soot in the downtown district as there used to be, but many factory chimneys, locomotives and still more lake craft are smoky sinners still. The virtuous Illinois Central's compliance with the anti smoke law, how it had muzzled its locomotives with smoke con-sumers, was a text from which sermons were preached recently in this and other cities. On Friday evening last, in the Illinois Cen-tral yard, I saw a locomotive painting the atmosphere black, without let or hindrance of any sort. A black column of soft coal smoke poured from the stack for 20 minutes, and a Chicago newspaper, man remarked to and a Chicago newspaper man remarked to me that the crusade against defliers of Chi-cago air had not taken vilgorous enough shape as yet. It is just as well to know that Pittsburg is not behind Chicago in abating the smoke nuisance.

Dishonest Money Schemes st. Louis Star.

Major Mckinley is not dodging the tariff ssue nearly so much as he is giving close and convincing attention to the dishonest noney schemes of his adversaries.

NAMES FREQUENTLY HEARD.

EX-SENATOR SPOONER, of Wisconsin, promises to give two weeks to McKinley in Shio, and two to Fassett in New York, next

LADY HENRY SOMERSET, President of the British Women's Temperance Association. vill visit America in October to be present at the meetings of the World's Women's C.

REV. DR. BURCHARD, whose alliterative boomerang, "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" turned the tide of a Presidental campuign, is alarmingly ill at his boarding house in nratoga.

THE widow of Joseph K. Emmet has made up her mind to pass her remaining days in Albany, and she has gone into comfortable apartments there. Her means ar ample, and her health is good.

SENATOR PROCTOR'S first step into official life was as a village selectman. And the Vermont villagers were mighty particular about a man being an undeveloped states-man before they would trust him in such an

THE proper way to pronounce Liliuokalani, the name of the Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, is as though it were spelled Lil-leewoke-alanny. Accent the second syllable and pronounce the word rapidly. It means "Lily of the Sky."

A RECENT visitor to Ibsen found him in shabby dressing gown buttoned over gray rousers. On his feet were felt slippers and his hair was in great disorder, as were his big side whiskers. His face appears comical at first sight, but there is a line of satire between his clean-shaven lips.

MAJOR WISSMANN has left Europe for the Dark Continent. He will lead an expedition from Saadani to the interior, and will take with him a crew for the steamer given by Germany for lake service. A German engineer also goes to construct a railway rom Tanga toward Kilima-niaro.

JOHN RUSKIN has made a record as a hydraulic engineer by solving for the inhabitants of Filking, a small town in Sussex, England, the problem of obtaining an adequate supply of drinking water. As an evidence of their gratitude the people have erected a tablet "to the glory of God and in honor of John Ruskin."

MRS. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY'S diamonds are valued at \$100,000, and one of her solitaires is large as a hazelnut. [She is the wife of a great Jeffersonian Democrat coal oil leader.] A single clasp on the cloak of Queen Elizabeth had set in it six sapphires, 60 pearls, 18 rubies and 4 emeralds. These are not the days of extravagance. A HINDOO princess, the Begum Ahma-

dee, has distinguished herself in London society as a singer of superior voice, talent and She is a descendant of the cultivation. Emperors of Delhi, and possesses a mezzo soprano voice of extraordinary richness and power, which is used with very high artistic taste. She has also great personal beauty. THE Earl of Warwick, father-in-law of Lady Brooke, of baccarat scandal fame, is very ill. He is periodically subject to faint-

long. He is over 78 years of age, and has CAPTAIN JOHN LIGHTFOOT died at Blooming-ton, III., last night. He was one of the five men who originated the Grand Army of the Republic at Decatur, III.. in 1895. He was aged 77 years and a native of Kentucky. Was Captalu of Company A. One Hundred and First Illinois, during the war. been in feeble health for some time. Lady and shown a disposition to avoid the social

INTELLIGENT ROAD MAKING.

It Is Practically Unknown in the United The New Hampshire Statesman May Be Sent to Japan if Estee Goes Into the

Cabinet-Progress of the Colored Race It is only about 100 years since England In the South. WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 .- [Special.] - Ex-Senabuilding those solid, excellent roads which tor Blair, of New Hampshire, who has been hanging on to the slippery edge of an appointment all summer, since the Chinese re-fused to receive him, had a long conference with the President to-day. The latter is anxious to fix Mr. Blair, and of course must give him something good, but the obstinacy of the Chinese has made the job difficult. The President has hoped all along that the Chinese Government would relent, and it is not impossible that the differences on the subject may yet be composed. After the death of Minister Swift, of Japan, the conclusion was jumped at that the land of flowers would be Mr. Blair's field of diplo-matic operations, but this is a place long looked upon by the Pacific slope as its special property, and several candidates there sprang up before Swift was under the sod. days to go from Edinburgh to Glasgow and

with the vacancy in the Cabinet, it is thought the Coast may be placated and Biair yet sent to Japan, if Chian remains ugly. Judge Estee, of California, who was Permanent Chairman of the National Coastantian is arrough thought to be booked More than a century ago London began the work of extending roads into the country. This movement was, of course, violently and obstinately opposed by those to whom it proved to be of the greatest benefit. Permanent Chairman of the National Convention, is strongly thought to be booked for the Cabinet, for Proctor's place, or for the Interior, if Noble should prefer the Warportfolio; or for Attorney General if Miller should want a life position somewhere on a soft judicial bench. If that should happen, Blair might be sent to Japan. He wants to go abroad. He has gravitated all his life between Manchester, N. H., and Washington and thirsts for a taste of life among strange people. But the work was carried on, and, under the direction of such engineers as Rennie and Telford, England now boasts roads that are perial accomplishment of the first Napo-leon, the road over the Simplon Pass. The result is what was foreseen by the intelli-gent and persistent advocates of good roads. The country has been made immensely people. Negroes in the South

-A very intelligent colored Washing-

in cleaning the cars, watering and icing up

as stonemasons, bricklayers and plasters

While in Atlanta I saw stores owned and run by the negro that none in Washington,

owned by the same race, can be compared

Polities in Virginia.

Republican member from the Norfolk dis-

trict in the last Congress, was in the city to-

"In the election of a Legislature this fall

the Democrats and the Alliance are united,

and under our election laws we cannot hope

to accomplish anything. In some parts of

the State the elections are as fair as they are in the country anywhere, but there are rotten boroughs which overcome what is done elsewhere. At the meeting of the State Committee it was decided that nominations ought not be made this fall, but that our strength should be reserved for the contest in the Presidental election. If we had candidates in the field we could elect but a few of them, and that result would be pointed to as an indication of the strength of the party and would be more or less discouraging. It was stated that I was present at the meeting called by Mr. Parsons to protest against the course recommended by the State Committee. I was not at the meeting and am

mittee. I was not at the meeting and am not in sympathy with Mr. Parsons in this

A QUEER BENEFIT SOCIETY.

Methodist Episcopal Conference.

serve. This is loaned under such rigid rules that the society has never lost a cent. A greater part of it comes from gifts and the

greater part of it comes from gifts and the balance comes from dues.

The question whether women should be allowed to be lay delegates, which was submitted to a vote of the church, was touched upon in the reports of two of the Presiding Eiders, Rev. J. C. Jackson, of the Columbus district, where the vote stood 720 for and 231 against their admission, and Rev. T. R. Taylor, of the Chillicothe district, where the vote was about 4 to 1 in favor of their ad-

or, of the Chilicothe district, where ofe was about 4 to 1 in favor of their

PLAYS TO COME.

"TEN Nights in a Bar Room," that great

temperance drama so heartily indorsed by

the press and the pulpit for the realistic

pany carry their own special picturesque scenery and a handsomely uniformed brass band, which will give open air concerts in front of "The World's" during the engage

"THE MERCHANT," a play of the same class

is "The Charity Ball" and other Madison

Square Theater and Lyceum Theater suc-

To save the rich carpets of the Alvin

Theater from the lime and mud which work-

men and others carry on their shoes into the house, crash has been laid all over th house. The new theater is getting prettie every day as the finishing touches are pu on; the lobby will not be finished for some

Carleton Opera Company will produce Strauss' new opera "Indigo," the sale of seats commencing this morning. The Carle-ton company is said to be stronger this year than any that has ever borne the name.

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN," a historical dram

by Archibald Gordon and McKee Rankin,

comes next week to the Grand Opera Hous The play deals with the great President' public life and the stirring times in which

TONY PASTOR'S company is next week's

gilt-edged attraction at Harry Williams'

Academy. Manager Williams, with his wonted liberality, has been giving his patrons palmient fans this week.

In spite of the heat the theaters have all

ALL the theaters commence to-day the ad-

To-NIGHT Miss Pauline Hall will give

lone fairly good business since Monday.

vance sale of seats for next week.

'Madame Favart" at the Alvin.

lays.

was passed.

"I understood from Mr. Parsons that the

the State the elections are as fair as they are

day and said of Virginia politics:

-Ex-Representative Bowden, the genial

richer and more attractive and both town and country immeasurably benefited.

In the United States intelligent road-making in the country is, as a general thing, almost wholly unknown. The ridiculous misapplication of rustic labor and foolish ness known as "road working" is the gravest farce an ordinarily intelligent people ever took part in year after year.

not excelled anywhere except by that im

contributed so immensely to their comfort

ealth and happiness. The West

return, a distance of 44 miles.

DEMANDS OF GERMAN CATHOLICS

Formulated in a Platform Adopted

owned by the same race, can be compared with. In Montgomery, Ala., on the main street, I found one of the largest drugstores owned and run by a negro. The professions, too, are well patronized. In every town that boasted of horse cars the drivers, and in some instances the conductors, were negroes. One thing struck me as queer. At all the stations the sign, 'Waiting room for colored people,' was to be seen, yet they do not discriminate on the street cars.

"All through South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama evidence of thrift and a desire for improvement can be seen on all sides. The cabins of the people are better than those in some parts of Maryland and Virginia. In the little towns along the road the people appeared to be well dressed and neat, and there were very few ragamuffins. I do not write this to take any honors from the North, but to bestow a few words of praise and encouragement on the oft-maligned negro of the South." Their Congress at Buffalo. BUFFALO, Sept. 23,-Accepting at full value the information afforded to-day from within the guarded portals of the Priesten Verein, the 200 German-American ecclesiastics present were occupied solely with such details as the method of electing their officers and similar routine subjects. To-day's session. after Father Zurcher's chilling experience of yesterday, was not invaded by any outsider, and the secrets of the conclave, if any were held back from inquirers, remained safely concealed. Before adjourning till to-morrow it is understood a letter was read in the priest meeting from Archishop Elder, of Cincinnati, which afforded much satisfaction to the members. The communication dealt with the language question, and according to one of the priests.

communication dealt with the language question, and according to one of the priests, avored the use of German to inculcate the first Christian principles where German is the common language of the family, the idea being those principles should be taught in the mother tongue.

The principal work in which the laymen participated to-day was in voting unanimous approval of the platform of the Catholic Congress, the framing of which was guided largely, if not altogether, by the clergy. Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishops Ryan and Corrigan sent letters of regret for enforced absence. The platform favors temporal power for the Pope, and an international congress with that ond in view; thanks the Holy Father for his encyclical on the social question; favors Catholic education for catholic youth, and demands full liberty to retain and use the German mother tongues retain and use the German mother tongue in connection with the language of their adopted country. dopted country.
The following officers were elected: Rev.

MINNEAPOLIS' NOVEL CELEBRATION. The Whole City Decorated With Wheat

Sheaves and Flour Barrels. MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 23 .- The harvest festival had an ideal day for its celebration. Work went on all night, and Nicollet avenue this morning was beautifully decorated. Arches of wheat span some of the streets. On Tenth street is the finest display, con-sisting of an arch made of thousands of flour barrels, making a pyramid 27 feet high, while sacks of grain are placed upon the support-ing barrels. There are 60 of these pillars along the street, from which are suspended festoons of white, similar festoons intersecting the streets.

igious services were held this morning the Catholics uniting at the Cathodral, where Gounod's "Troisieme Messe" was given by the combined choirs and Ringwald's orchestra. At the Opera House was held a service of praise, with addresses by leading pastors and others. The procession started at 2 o'lock with over 1,000 floats in line. The at 2 o'lock with over 1,000 floats in line. The lumbermen have an immense affair, showing the trade in all its processes, from the lodges which work in the forest to the sawnid which cuts the lumber, in operation on the float. The Street Railway Compahy has a display illustrating the growth of the system from the first mule car to the present complete electric equipment.

The Largest Band of Music.

Louis, Sept. 23,-A coming musical event is unnounced here. The Board of Directors of the St. Louis Exposition have closed a contract with P. S. Gilmore to play here in 1892 and in 1893, with a band composed of 100 first-class musicians. This will be the largest band in the world, the only other one that will compare with it being the Guard Republique of France, which numbers 80 men. St. Louis will celebrate the anniversary of the discovery of America next year by making the exposition national in character.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE

Hon, Joseph T. Crowell,

Hon. Joseph T. Crowell, President of the Hon. Joseph T. Crowell, President of the New Jersey Senate in 1861 and Speaker of the House of Assembly in 1865, died Tuesday afternoon at Rahway, in which city he was born nearly 73 years ago. He published the first pletorial paper printed in the United States—Crousel's Pietorial—which he printed somewhat after the style of the London Ilbustrated News, for five years. He owned the Government Printing Office until he sold it to the United States. He capipped at his own expense and sent out the Rahway Battery in the early days of the Rebeillon, for he was a war Democrat, and was elected to the State Senare as such. Mr. Crowell learned his trade of printer on the old Elizabeth (N. J.) Journal and when he went to New York set type on the first number of the Namday Atlas.

Editor Ben C. Bruce, Ben G. Bruce, editor of the Live Stock Record, died of anoplexy last night at 7 o'clock at Lexington, Ky. He had been in his usual health. Lexington, Ky. He had been in his usual health, Goding home, he sat down and began perusing a newspaper, when he fell forward on the floor and died instantly. Mr. Bruce was Secretary of the Lonisville Jockey Club, of the Latonia Jockey Club and also of the Chicago Jockey Club. He established the Live Stock Record some 20 years ago, that publication having taken from the start the highest rank as a representative of the thoroughbed, intely devoting some attention to the trotter, Major Bruce was 62 years old.

Mrs. Virginia Dimitry Kuth.

Mrs. Virginia Dimitry Ruth died Tuesday morning on the plantation of her sou-in-law, on Carenero Bayou, Louisiana. She was born in on Carenero Bayou, Louisiana. She was born in Washington in 1857, and was a daughter of the late Prof. Alexander Dimitry, once a famous linguist, educator and diplomatist, and sister of John and Charles Dimitry, both well-known writers. She married Enoch Fenwick Buth, who commanded an Arkansas company in the Mexican War. Mrs. Buth was a contributor to Southern literature in prose and verse, and for many years kept a flour-lishing school for boys and girls. James Melvin.

James Melvin, 96 years of age, died yes James Melvin, to years or age, tree yea-terday at his home on Locust street, Pittsburg for 80 Wr. Melvin had been a resident of Pittsburg for 80 years, coming here in 1811 from County Down, Ire-land. He was formerly a contractor in the employ of the city, but for the past ten years has been re-

Obituary Notes. JOHN B. BOWMAN, for many years regent of the Kentucky University, died Tuesday at Harrods-burg, Ky.

REV. JOSEPH TARKINGTON, formerly of Indian apolis, died at Greensburg, Ind., Tuesday, aged 9 rears. He was the oidest Methodist clergyman is Indiana.

WASHINGTON COWEN, a prominent ex-co WASHINGTON COWEN, a prominent ex-county official and father of Hon. John Cowan, an official of the Baltimore and Ohlo Raliroad, died at Millers-burg. O., yesterday in his 80th year. WALLACE T. DUDLEY, proprietor of the Dudley House, Asbury Park, N. J., died suddenly Monday night, aged 66 years. He was formerly one of the leading merchants of Doylestown and Asbury

CAPTAIN JOHN LIGHTFOOT died at Bloo

TRYING TO PLACE BLAIR.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: In the published report of the opening of the trial of Mrs. Lucy Fitzsimmons, a cer-tain Judge is reported to have "sarcasti-cally" retorted to a juror who put in a plea as to conscientious scruples, that "Jurors must stay in the court room whether they are on the jury or not." To another who had trouble with his conscience, this same Judge exclaimed angrily: "Moral cowardice, I want you to know, is not conscientions scruples. People take one for the other, but they are

mistaken." On this, the next juryman avowed himself as having no such scruples, when this Judge proceeded to overwhelm him with fulsome laudation, ejaculating: "Neither has any other intelligent man who has sense enough

OUR MAIL POUCH.

to vote?"

Has it come to this, that a spot can be found in this Government that so broadly recognizes the supreme right of conscience, where a Judge is found to trample on the dignity of his position to insult an American citizen in the exercise of this right?

Of what kind of food has this man partaken that he thus assumes to sit as an inquisitor to rail at the honest citizen, and goes behind the guarded portal to impugnen's motives?

Has the malevolent and Puritanical spirit that persecuted Quakers and banished Roger Williams come forth to resurrection to t remet us before our time, or is this only its uneasy ghost?

s uneasy ghost? It was Rienzi, who, in the decline of his

Country's greatness, exclaimed: "Yet we are Romans! Why, in that older day to be a Roman was greater than a king!" N. WAMPUM, PA., September 22.

The Area of Pennsylvania. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

tonian, who has just returned from a trip through the South, is enthusiastic over the What is the area of Pennsylvania and of the United States? evidence of the progress of his race that he Pittsburg, September 23. saw there. He said to-day in conversation [Pennsylvania, 45 215 square miles: the on the subject: "I saw them acting on the United States, 3 557,009 square miles, includrailroads in Georgia and Alabama as firemen ing Alaska.] and brakemen, superintending the laborers

Glass in Pittsburg. To the Editor of the Disputch: When and by whom was the first glass

nade in Pittsburg? Allegheny, September 23. [The glass business was first established

re in 1787, by Albert Gallatin.] The Loyal League

o the Editor of The Dispatch: What is the Loval League? McKeesport, September 23. [A name given to many of the negro organtations of the South during the recons ion period.]

VIEWING MR. SCOTT'S REMAINS. The Funeral of the Millionaire St

Will Be Public. Enra, Sept 23 .- [Special.] -- The doors of the Scott mansion were opened this afternoon to the public. A constant stream of humanity poured in through the luxuriously fur-nished parlors in which the distinguished dead lay all the afternoon. It was a notable

fact that the greater percentage were those who at some time in life had been dependent upon Mr. Scott and his industries for a livelihood, and there were many touching outbursts of emotion.

When the doorkeepers turned some poor children away, Mr. Scott's young daughter, Mrs. Strong, ordered them all admitted, and Mrs. Scott directed that there be no discrimination. Contrary to all expectations the funeral services will be public. All business will be suspended to-morrow in accordance with a proclamation of Mayor Clarke.

SOCIAL WORLD GOSSIP. Matters of Moment to the Fair Sex in Both

A QUIET little wedding took place at the ome of Mayor H. I. Gourley on Stanton aveme, East End, last Thursday. The bride was he beautiful niece of the Mayor, Miss Carrie Jourley Palmer. The groom was Frank Inight, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Rev. G. W. Chalfant, of the Park Avenue Church, performed the cere-mony in the presence of a select few. Mr.

mony in the presence of a select few, and Mrs. Knight left at once for Burlin La. After visiting there for a short they will go to Fort Madison to reside.

"I understood from Mr. Parsons that the meeting was for a different purpose, one in which I am in accord with him. I understood that this purpose was to consider the selection of some other leader than Mahone. I think the Republican party of Virginia should have another leader. At the same time it must be admitted that Mr. Mahone has a personal following, and his support of the Republican ticket is necessary to insure success. Therefore, if he is to be displaced as a leader, it should be by a fair and square fight in the Republican cancus. If he were beaten in that way I think he and his friends would continue to support the Republican party." The marriage of R. W. Allison, M. D., and Martha, daughter of the late Samuel McEl-roy, will take place at the home of the bride this evening at 7 o'clock. No cards. A vocat and instrumental entertainment will be given this evening at Washington Hall, Beaver avenue, Allegheny, by Prof. J. M. Caldwell and wife, under the auspices of W. C. T. U. No. 3. Mr. Bowden said he thought the Virginia delegation at the National Convention would be for Harrison.

WORLD'S FAIR PROGRESS.

It Is Composed of Ministers of the Ohio Two Buildings Well Under Way-The For eign Commissioners Banquetted,

ZANESVILLE, Sept. 23 .- [Special.]-The first CHICAGO, Sept. 23 .- Work upon the Mines ecting of the eightieth annual session of and Mining Building of the World's Fair the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Epishas progressed so far that the first of the opal Church was held at the Second Methotrusses to support the immense central arch, 125 feet in height, were put in position to-day, and the Stars and Stripes were given to the breeze from its top in honor of the event. The woman's building is so well forward that the piacing of the ornamental steff upon its outer walls will begin Monday. dist Episcopal Church this morning. Bishop Fowler, of California, presided.

The Executive Committee of the Preachers' Mutual Relief Society held a meeting ers' Mutual Relief Society held a meeting and canvassed the claims of superannuated ministers. The society is rather a peculiar one. In every Methodist Episcopal conference there is what is known as the "superannuated fund." It never equals the demands that are made upon it, and if it pays 67 cents on the dollar of the allowances made, it is considered to be in a highly prosperous condition. A Rey. Mr. Smith became staff upon its outer walls will begin Monday.
The British, German and other Foreign
Commissioners now in the city have about neluded their investigations, and the re mainder of their stay will be given up to social courtesies. They were dined at the Union League Club by Director General Davis to-day, and they were tendered a theater party by Director Kohlsaat this evening. perous condition. A Rev. Mr. Smith became a member of the organization in 1863 and paid in \$189 and became superannuated. He now draws \$120 a year from the fund. The organization is peculiar to the Obio conference, and none but ministers in it are allowed to become members. Not all the members of the conference are members of the society, but the majority of them are, and its membership is increasing rapidly. It now has a fund of \$67,000 on hand as a reserve. This is loaned under such rigid rules

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

Phil B. Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., was a Phil B. Jones, of Memphis, tenn., was a passenger in the Eastern express last evening. He said he had been through the Rebellion. He was inclined to spin yarns of his campaign days, but the train wouldn't wait for him. He he said remembered this end of the county very well, and made inquiries for the old penitentiary, which he said he knew quite well.

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Anthony Leetzott, of Winterburn, Clearfield county, was brought to town last evening on the Allegheny Valley train, suffering
from a painful injury to his knee. He cut
himself with an ax about three weeks ago
while felling timber, and, the wound becoming dangerous, it was deemed advisable to
have him sent to a hospital. He was taken
to the Mercy.

There will be some hustling done among the passenger agents at Beaver Fair to-day and days tollowing. W. E. Starr, of the Mis-souri Facific; S. C. Milbourne, of the Union Pacific; O. Warner, of the C. B. & Q. Sam V. Meyers and Colonel Sam Moody will all be on hand in the interest of their various lines.

the press and the pulpit for the realistic temperance lesson it conveys, will be pre-sented to the patrons of the World's Museum Theater next week by Carl Brehm's well selected company. This is the only com-pany playing the version which illustrates the days of Morgan and Slade while rivals for the hand of Fauny Newton. The com-Ralph H. Wells, who has long been associated with the Anderson staff, has trans-ferred his allegiance to the Duquesne as head bookkeeper, his father Mr. George R. Wells, having gone home to Baltimore for a Colonel Sam Moody's friends will be glad

o hear that his 13-year-old daughter, who as been seriously ill for several weeks with yphoid fever, has passed the turning point and will recover.

George R. Thompson, Southern passenger agent of the Pennsylvania line, with head-quarters in New Orleans, was in the city yesterday on a vacation.

J. S. L'Amoreaux, of Ballston Spa; ex-Congressman George W. Crouse, of Akron, and Daniel O'Day, of Buffalo, are at the Mononcabela. Square rheater and Lyceum Theater successes, will be the first dramatic production of the season at the Alvin Theater. It is a refined and meritorious works if the critics elsewhere are to be believed, and it is also a prize play, an unusual distinction. It deals with the affairs of the heart and the pocket-book, and the company playing it is said to be good.

Ex-State Senator J. W. Lee, of Franklin met a number of other gentlemen intereste in oil operations, at the Duquesne yester

W. Hope, of Liverpool, England, and N. E Chapman, a railroad man from Philadel phia, were at the Anderson yesterday. Geo. S. McCreary, of Lewistown, Pa., and A. G. Smith and wife, of Florence, Ala., are guests at the Seventh Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Bakewell and family left

Congressman-elect Andrew Stewart, Mrs. ewart and Miss Lelia Stewart registered at Colonel W. P. Rend, who has been in town for the last two weeks, returned to Chi-cago last night at 11:05.

for the East last evening in a special car at tached to the Eastern express.

ugo last night at 11:00.
Upton H. White, of Salisbury, Pa., an of the Legislature, is A number of citizens went on a special xeursion to Moundsville, W. Va., yesterday iorning.

B. E. Ryan, a Chicago banker, and Geo. J. Smith, of New York, are Duquesne guests.

J. K. Crawford and Mrs. Crawford, of nklin, are at the Anderson. The Central Hotel sale was completed erday to Kaufman John C. Grey went to Philadelphia last

evening on a business trip.

-Bounties were paid for 61 bears, 30 wolves, 49 lynxes, 6,016 foxes, 739 engles and 4,339 hawks in Norway last year. The supply

s not exhausted. -The recipe for Roman punch was long kept secret by the chefs of the Vatican, but was given to the world when Napoleon invaded Italy in 1798.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Russia has 22 aronclads and monitors

-In 33 years \$30,000,000 has been ex-

-The fruit output of California increased

-Our copper output this year fell short

-Thirty-barrels of incense were burned

foring a three days' ceremonial in Siam re-

-Dates are grown at Phonix, Ariz. A

cluster weighing over 18 pounds was re-cently picked there.

-A French Baron has won \$1 000 he

rossing the ocean in the steerage. He got he worst of the bet.

-The gauge of the Roman chariots 2,000

-A French electrician has gotten up a

rears ago was 4 feet 8½ inches same as tandard railroad gauge of to-day.

device by which he can send 150 typewritten words per minute over a single wire.

of the usual amount by more than 100,000

fully thirty-fold during the past ten years.

-Salvador has a telephone school.

ended on London's drainage system.

ullding.

-Peru has been making wonderful progress during the last three years owing to the wonderful amount of English capital that has gone into that country. -A Parisian electrician has succeeded in

forcing violets by the aid of his battery, and recently sent a bunch of these fledglings only four hours old to the Empress Eugenie. -And now cottonwood comes to the front as a sugar factor. A Southern grower says its saccharine qualities are 15 times greater than sugar cane and 20 times stronger than beets. -A letter sent from Mauch Chunk, Pa.,

to Calcutta, via Oneenstown, immediately mailed back to Mauch Chunk, via Hong-kong and San Francisco, made the circuit of the globe in & days.

-The oldest mule in the United States is venerable object of interest in Ray county, Mo. Its name is Julia and it is 36 years of age. And, by the way, its voice is in a perage. And, by the way, its fect state of preservation. -A resident of Antelope Valley, Nev., tells the Reno Gatette that the valley is full

of grasshoppers depositing their eggs, and suggests that unless the ground is burned over there will be trouble ahead in a year or two from these pests. -A seemingly miraculous cure of a malignant cancer has been made at Chattanooga, Tenn., the victim having been pointed out

in a dream to a certain herb, which he gath-ered and ate and is now well. The story is vouched for by men of veracity. -A spring that gushes forth soda water and in reality forms a huge natural soda water fountain has been discovered in Oregon. The water is sparkling and efferves-cent and when flavored and bottled cannot be distinguished from the artificial bever--They are telling of a family of 100 per-

rio a few years ago. Eighty-six of these now reside in the United States, 12 are dead and two still live in their native village. An yet Canada is astonished at her dwir dling census returns. -French ingenuity has contrived an improved stone-cutting saw of remarkable efficiency—a circular saw having its edge set with black diamonds in the same way as the straight blades, but as the strain on the dia-mond is all in one direction, the setting can be made much firmer.

sons who lived up in a little village in Onta-

-The Salton Sea still exists, but the "spell of weather" which Southern California has been so disposed to attribute to it has disappeared, and the Southern papers will have to admit that the hot wave was, after all, merely a manifestation of Califo

-Miss Mary White, of Munith, Mich., has completed the ninety-fourth day of her prolonged nap. It has been discovered that she can be roused by passing the fingers along the spine until some certain sensitive center, which is never twice in the same place, is reached. Her physician kept her awake four hours Saturday.

sections was touched off at a quarry in Meriden a few days ago. The blasters drilled many holes into one side of the quarry, im-planted 509 pounds of dynamite therein and fired it. A mass of rock estimated to have weighed 3,000 tons was sent rolling down th intain side, and the detonation was heard many miles.

-The biggest blast in the history of Con-

-All Esquimanx are superstitious about leath, and although they hold festivals in emory of departed friends they will usual y carry a dying person to some abandoned but, there to drag out his remaining days without food, medicine, water or attend-ance. After the death of a husband or wife the survivor cuts the front hair short and fasts for 25 days.

-Further tests of fibrelia, the product of common flax straw, show that to a certain extent it has not only valuable textile properties of itself, but also as a substitute cotton or wool; it is claimed, in fact, that 25 per cent of the fibrelia, with 75 per cent of wool, made into broadcloth gives a product absolutely more valuable than if made of wool alone—that is the real strength of the cloth is enhanced, it is more impervious to water, is warmer and on account of its ten-acity and flexibility its cementing property and electrical adhesiveness, fibrelia not only imparts preservative qualities to the wool and increased durability to the cloth, but imparts to the whole a gloss and finish not

-A correspondent of the London Daily Graphic, writing upon the locust plague in North Africa, says: "In reference to the diet of St. John the Baptist, who lived on diet of St. John the Baptist, who lived on 'locusta and wild honey' in the wilderness, there are Sunday school teachers who cannot believe that any one would voluntarily live on such food, and, therefore, say that the 'locust bean,' the fruit of the carab tree, is meant by the writers of the New Testament. I can only reply that the locust cricket, the Acridum Pelerinum, order Orthoptera, variety Saltatoria—the flying Sauterelle of Africa—is sold at a half penny per pound in the market place of Biskra (which is the second oasis from the north in the Sahara), and that there it is cooked by boiling with salt and water, as shrimps are ing with salt and water, as shrimps are boiled here. I myself have little doubt that is more nutritious than the latter, because a March, when the insect is guthered and ried, it is as full of albumen as an egg."

SIFTINGS FROM LIFE.

The Summer Man-Well, the season's over; now, I suppose, you want to break our engagement and start your winter campaign.
The Summer Girl-Nonsense! Only girls in funny paragraphs do that.

Aggrieved Passenger-What, 30 cents from New York to Orange? Why, that's 3 cents a Official (of the Delay, Linger & Wait Railroad)-Yes, but it's only about 12 cents an hour. Father-Now, look here, Dinnis, d'ye oind? I've towld yez foive or six times to go to inday school an' if I hav' to tell yez agin I'll giv'

Son-Lay hands on me at your peril! The preption of you foreigners is simply lisgusting. Hark, hark, the dogs do bark

The boarders are coming to town; Some in rags and some with jugs And some of them all broken down, He (bitterly)-Pshaw! All women are

She-Then why in the world do you spend so such time trying to find the one you want to

narry? Teacher (to Mickey)-Now, Mickey, von Teacher (to Mickey)—Now, Mickey, you read the lesson to me first and then tell me, with the book closed, what you read.

Mickey (reading)—See the cow. Can the cow run? Yes, the cow can run. Can the cow run as swiftly as the horse? No, the horse runs swifter than the cow. (Closing up his book to tell what he has read.) Get onto de cow. Kin her jig-steps run? Be'cher'life she kin run. Kin de cow do up de horse a runnin'? Naw, de cow ain't in it wid de horse.

Miss Coquette-Have you a match?

French Second-Come, the time for the

Mr. Filnt—No!
Miss G.—What shall we do?
Miss G.—What shall we do?
Mr. F.—Let's make one?
Miss C.—And in that case you would be the stick.

meeting is now at hand and you must not be late.
Where are your dueling pistois?
French Principal—Oh, I forgot. I let the children carry them off to the nursery for one of their games.