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SENATOR QUAYS EXPLANATION.

The evident purpose of Chairman Kerr and his colleagues in the Democratic party leadership in relation to the fac-simile of the Bardsley certificate of deposit, endorsed to Senator Quay, is to create a belief that the Senator personally shared in Bardsley's illegal perquisites. This is indicated by Chairman Kerr pointing out that the transmission of the certificate to Quay was about the date when Bardsley had made a "rake" of \$30,000 from the mercantile appraisership patronage.

There is nothing conclusive on the face of the documents as published to fix this assumption upon Quay. It is shown be got nearly \$9,000 from Bardsley; but so far as anything on the surface indicates this \$0,000 may, as Senator Quay says, have been the proceeds of a note given by him to defray campaign expenses and discounted at the Keystone Bank through Bardsley's influence.

But does this explanation help matters very much for the Republican party leaders? Is it encouraging to find the party's campaign managers making a note-broker out of a public official, to whom at the same time extraordinary and illegal favors were being extended by the party's representatives, Boyer, McCamant and Livsey, custodians of the public funds at Harrisburg? These State functionaries, at the date when Bardsley kindly turned over the \$9,000 certificate, were permitting him to hold at interest for his own benefit hundreds of thousands of dollars which should have been in the Sinking Fund drawing interest for the State. Bardsley's stub-book certifies he remembered Livsey with a check for this. Me-Camant's correspondence of the same period acknowledges "favors received," conveniently interpreted as "neckties" and "old magazines." Senato: Quay now admits that simultaneously Bardsley obliged the party campaign committee by securing a timely discount of a \$9,000 note.

This explanation from Senator Quay, as far as it goes, exonerates himself from the implication intended by the Democrats that he was personally a beneficiary at Bardsley's hands. It will be a complete personal exoneration if he produces as the constitutional construction, is man-"naid" the discounted note marke or the check by which it was lifted. But it goes as far as even Chairman Kerr could wish in leaving the party managers in the position of utilizing Bardsley in return for the illegal favors bestowed upon him from Harrisburg. The explanation is a jump from the frying pan into the fire; and in this aspect of the matter it is hardly worth while discussing the not wholly intelligible feature of it which represents the money as being intended for campaign expenses in '89, though the date of cashing was several weeks after the election of '89 had closed. The explanation of the explanation as to this point will doubtless be that the bills had previously been incurred. Accepting all that, and even the entire transaction as Senator Quay tells it, the incident still remains to show that it is high time the idea of separating fiscal offices from personal and party convenience and profit were taken up by the public. After this latest incident, all that remains to be done in the way of identifying the party management with the wrong side of the Bardslevism issue seems to b included in the disposition of the Senate at Harrisburg to make defense of the derelict State officials a party matter. Messrs. Gregg and Morrison have little reason to feel thankful for what the campaign has brought forth. If they are elected, it will certainly be from confidence in their own integrity and from indisposition to let Pennsylvania go Democratic on the eve of a Presidental election -not on account of any credit or prestige derived from their immediate predecessors in office or from the leaders of the party.

of them. But it is worth while to note, as indicating the character of methods, that the real purpose of consolidation or close alliance between connecting lines is either to secure exclusive advantages for the line so formed or to offset the advantages already gained by a competing line. In this case the report at least is an offset for the similar report that the Vanderbilt lines have got control of the Union Pacific

We hear a great deal about the inevitable tendency of railway business to such immense combinations. But the truth is that the tendency exists only because the railway practice overrides the legal theory concerning the exchange of traffic between connecting lines. It was declared in dozens of common law cases that railroads must exchange freight equally with other roads and cannot discriminate as between one line or another; and the inter-State Commerce law specifically enacts that all roads must exchange freight with connecting lines without delay or discrimination. If this were done traffic agreements establishing lines extending across the continent would be unnecessary, for every railroad reaching a terminal point would be equally entitled to ship its

through freight by or receive it from lines connecting at that point. This is one of the several important respects in which the prevalent methods in railway business differ from the law. For the results of such a system the departure from legal rights must be held responsible, and not the laws which are

THE JURISDICTION QUIBBLE.

ignored.

Mr. Shapley's argument on the juris-

diction of the Senate is ingenious and is probably the best he can do for his client; but it has the fatal defect of proving altogether too much for his case.

The pivotal point in Mr. Shapley's construction of the constitutional provision under which proceedings are instituted is that the words "for reasonable cause" do not permit steps to be instituted for misconduct involving criminality, but refer only to cases of incompetence or negligence. But on the theory of the defense this makes the proceeding exactly appli-cable to the case of Mr. Boyer. According to Mr. Shapley, his client committed no acts of criminality; but the testimony of that official leaves no doubt that either by incompetence or negligence he permitted the interests of the State to be vastly prejudiced. Upon Mr. Shapley's constitutional theory, and Mr. Boyer's testimony, the necessity and legality of the present proceeding are abundantly estab

lished. Mr. Shapley proceeds, according to the telegraphic abstract of his argument by asking what a large number of members of the Constitutional Convention would have said, "if they had been told that this clause would some day be so construed as te enable a Republican Governor at any time, when he could control the votes of two-thirds of the Senate, to turn out every Democratic officer in the State and fill their places with his own partisans?" But Mr. Shapley's construction that the power can be exerted only for the removal of incompetent officials opens the door for such an abuse, if it were possible, as any other construction. The only practical difference between his view and that which the Attorney General represents is that proceedings for removal can be resorted to where there is misconduct touching on criminality. But the extension of the jurisdiction touching such cases does not enlarge the possibilities of wholesale sweeping out of elective offices. It is in the class of cases, to which Mr. Shapley admits the constitutional provision is applicable, that such things could be done; and it is hardly necessary to add that the danger, as well

methods nullify the safeguards of the whole national banking system.

> TOUCHING the remark of THE DISPATCH that "the United States will put no embargo on her magnificent surplus of food prod ucts," the temporarily tariff-mad Buffalo Courier asserts: "But the United States did put more or less of an embargo on the exportation of food products when obstacles were thrust in the way of the importation of foreign goods to pay for them." If it is an embargo which permits us to export the biggest total of our products ever known in the history of the nation, then the dictionaries must revise their definitions of the word. If the esteemed Courier is right,

let us have more embargo next year and increase our exports by about \$500,000,000. Now the gentle coal dealer with a full stock in his yards usurps the mastery of the situation heretofore held by the lordly gas company. With due apology to both classes,

we may remark that every dog has his day, and the public's may come some time. THE latest green goods establishment raid evealed thousands of letters from suckers all over the country who were willing to bite at the hook in the hope that they could make some money out of the swindle. Also a lot of people up in Canada are mourning the loss of their money by a sharper who sold them bogus lottery tickets. One class was desirous of making money by a professed swindle and criminal proceeding; the others hoped to profit by winning money without rendering any honest equivalent for it. It is instructive to note that both of them furnish meat for the professional

sharper. THE Miantonomoh will be put into comon in a few days. It would be interesting if after all the experimenting in new types of vessels, the old Monitor class should be found to be the most effective coast deenders.

THE more or less apperyphal bull against the comet is matched by the petition sent by citizens of this country to the Czar asking him to stop the persecution of the He-brews. If the Czar is insensible to the considerations of civilization, it is not likely that he will pay much attention to the wishes of a lot of people on the other side of the globe-to say nothing of the improbability that the petition will ever reach him.

IF the modified weather of vesterday presages an Indian summer of cool but leasant temperature and lasting well into fovember, the previous eccentricities of the

fall weather may be forgiven and forgotten. THE perversity of that great but often misguided stream, the Mississippi, is mani-fested in its latest attack on the city of New orleans. A stream which makes up its mind to sweep away any portion of New Orleans ought not to miss the opportunity of doing the Hercules act with the Louisiana lottery as the Augean stable. But with unpardonable lack of discrimination the river fails to come anywhere near the lottery.

IF Governor Hill does not get the dele gation of the Georgia Democrats, after that speech on Henry W. Grady, then oratory has lost its power and there is no longer any usufruct in it.

THE death from hydrophobia of one person who was inoculated by Pasteur's treatment does not by any means disprove the value of that discovery. On the other hand, the fact that when the process has been in use for years, and thousands of people have been inoculated, one death is enough to make a sensation, gives a pretty strong testimonial to the protective value of the plan.

PERHAPS Livsey has gone to seek that predecessor in disappearance, Marsh, of the Keystone Bank. At least there seem to be equal chances for finding them both at the same time.

IN Philadelphia an order has been issued that traction conductors must not wear shabby overcoats. Doubtless the conductors will be very glad to wear fine coats if the company will furnish them. Or perhaps the construction of the order is that when the overcoat gets shabby the conductors must shiver without any.

PERHAPS the State can stand a little anxiety as to the Governor's appointments if misconduct and favoritism in the manage-State funds are arro

CURB AND CORRIDOR.

Soaking Pencils in Oil.

A new discovery has been made by rail-road clerks in Pittsburg, regarding the sav-ing of lead pencils. This will be a great boon to those who are continually using expletives and borrowing pocket knives on account of the frailty of good, soft lead in a pencil. Everyone who has much rapid writing to perform, prefers a soft pencil, but nothing has come to public light so far by which the lead can to an ex-tent be preserved. The P.,C.,C. & St. L. clerks have brought about a new era in the pencil business; also have they morally benefited humanity, inasmuch as they decrease violation of the Third Commandment. The new idea to preserve a soft pencil is to take a gross of the useful article and place them in a jar of linseed oil. Allow them to remain in soak until the oil thoroughly permeates every particle of the wood and lead. This has the effect of softening the mineral, at the same time making it tough and durable. It has been found very useful and sav-ing, an ordinary pencil being used twice as long under the new treatment.

Keep to the Right.

A New Yorker joined the writer in a jaunt about town yesterday, and his observations were many and interesting about Pittsburg and its people. Among them was the habit pedestrians have of crossing a street. Invariably the Pittsburger runs abreast some other person on a street crossing for reason that most of them never think of al-ways keeping to the right side. It is a standard custom in New York that every standard custom in New York that every-body shall take the right crossing in order not to collide with one coming from an op-posite direction. In a great measure in the metropolis this rule applies even to the sidewalks. Up and down Broadway those bent downtown keep on the west side, while uptown-bound pedestrians are almost dis-tinctively on the east side. Another in-stance of the same character is a Pittsburger entering a swinging door. The one who

stance of the same characterist rithsurger entering a swinging door. The one who enters on the left is almost sure to bang the door up against some unsuspecting person coming out. The delay, a bruised nose and apologies all could be easily avoided if everyone would simply conform to the rule of always keeping to the right.

Digging Graves for Soldiers.

The Soldiers' Home at Dayton is one of the most interesting places in Ohio. From a village it has grown to be a city of 5,000 men. Going out one morning to the Home on the poorly constructed electric road recently, a DISPATCH man met one of the pension examiners. In speaking of the great work performed by the Government in car-

sion examiners. In speaking of the great work performed by the Government in car-ing for the aged veterans, he said it was im-possible to keep ont the dead beats. He thought fully 1,000 of the men in the Dayton refuge belonged to this class. During the war they were no good on the battlefields, they were the tired fellows always to be ound at the rear. Three men die every two days, and a force is kept busy digging graves in antici-pation of deaths. An underground passage way runs from the hospital to the grave-state of the second state of the second on a truck. A squad fires a salute, and the cold clods of earth soon hide forever the human dust. Last May the Government ordered little white stones to mark each resting place. The cemetry is laid out in rectangular form, and the hillside is cov-ered with the long lines of marble. No-mound is heaped up, but the grass is grow-ing green over the spots where many of the mation's heroes sleep. Little groups of men-were watching some of their comrades dig-sing graves, and for aught they knew the holes were being prepared for them. Dr. Negley, a son of General Negley, is in charge of the hospital, and is chief of the bysicians. He is very popular with the old soldiers. The doctor is well known in Pitts-burg, where he was brought up.

From Poverty to Fame.

A street railway man who was at the con-vention last week related his experience of rising from poverty to fame, and the only other visit he had ever made in Pittsburg. "I had been working as a clerk in Chicago,

e said, "and started for New York. When I got to Pittsburg my money ran out. I concluded to beat my way over the Pennsylvania Railroad, but over the Pennsylvania Railroad, but I did not take into consideration the strict discipline that was then in force on the road. It was just after the Pennsylvania Legislature had passed a law for the punish-ment of tramps and at the same time the railroad officials gave orders that no one should be allowed to ride on freight trains. For some reason, the brakeman all thought I was a spotter and would not listen to my appeals. At Altooms I got disgusted at being kicked off the trains and concluded to foot it the rest of the way. It took me just

foot it the rest of the way. It took me just 23 days. I had to sweep the Trenton bridge to pay my toll and God only knows how I got enough to eat. I go over the road fre-quently now, but always in a palace car and nothing gives me greater pleasure than to look at the old land marks."

FRANCE'S HOPEFUL YEAR.

No Treaty Exists Between Leopold as Germany.

About the Flower.

Liked by the Japanese.

like a woman who, as she grows fonder of dress loses the little brains with which she

are its only salvation, else it dies off the fac

Preyed Upon by a Fly.

or poor relation to the chrysanthemum

Boston Courier-Journal.] This is a hopeful year with France. Its harvest has been good. Its people have con-

fidence in the Government, there is no hosmum with the approach of the flower show. It is always a flower worth studying, but adtility between employers and employes, its financial credit was never better, Bou-langism sleeps with Boulanger, and the Government does not fear a war from any foreign power. Denmark has taken its stand with Russia. It stands guard on the Baltic and over the Gulf of Finland. Belgium Parks, knows as much as any man about the takes pains, as it has not done for many years until now, to claim its independence of Germany, and its determination in the event of a rupture between France and Germany to maintan its neutrality.

Parks, knows as much as any man about the chrysanthemum. The credit belongs to him of having brought into the world some of the marcat of seedlings. Several of his particular pets will be displayed at the anditorium on Tuesday next. Going up the River of Time to its source, you find the composite order to which the chrysanthemum, the dahlas and the rose belong, simplified and quite unlike what it now is. The little cup-shaped rose of the field was not unlike the rose of Eden. If Adam bethought himself to pluck a bouquet of chrysanthemums for Eve of a morning, it was a very different flower he presented her with to what it now is. It was not unlike the sufforer, with its yellow disk and single row of petals, which used to do serv-ice as food for chickens before Oscar Wilde discovered its merit as a parlor ornament. Liked by the Japanese. Even the usually modest and retiring M. Freycinet, the chief of the Ministry and Freyclaet, the chief of the Ministry and Minister of War, says: "I shall have some-thing to say myself about war"-by which he means, about keeping the peace. At the late fotes of Marseilles the Bourgnestre of Brussells said: "Permit me to speak as a friend to friends; that is to say with that frankness which friendship authorizes. It has pained us to see it reported in your press that there was a secret treaty between the King Leopold and Gormany. The truth is that is a pure invention. I am autherized to say no such treaty ever existed. Our people love France, but we shall never re-nonnee that rule of neutrality which is the sure guaranty of the independence of our country."

country.

BLAINE IS ON DECK.

SECRETARY BLAINE has had a good rest, and is again at his regular job of making the other fellows tired.—*Chicago Tribune*.

Now that Elaine is back at his desk, the Democratic correspondent will have him dead about three times every ten days.-Toledo Blade.

THE report that Mr. Blaine will spend the winter down in Texas can probably be set down as a yarn. There isn't a more delightful winter resort in this country than Washington, D. C.-Boston Herald.

dress loses the little offlins with which she started in this world. The chrysanthemum grows bigger and bigger, its colors, their shades and gradations of shades the more numerous until intally it is barely possible to obtain a single seed. Cutting or rootlings MAJOR MCKINLEY did not absolutely need the help which Secretary Blaine's tribute to the new tariff law furnishes him, but' he ob-tains it nevertheless, and it will add a few hundred votes to his total .- St. Louis Globe Democrat

of the earth. It seems likely, too, that the chrysanthe-mum must be under the ban of original sin, for it displays a rendency to go in the broad way. Mr. Hamilton says that if you make a bed of the double and semi-double flower and leave them to their own sweet wills, some bright morning you will find a very insignificant flower in their place. IF Mr. Blaine was really "ghostly pale" on eaching Washington, there is nothing strange about it. What the Harrison administration has done in his absence is enough to make any sensible Republican ghastly pale.-St. Louis Republic.

SECRETARY BLAINE is on deck in Washing ton, and already humming the English ditty made famous in Beaconsfield's time: We do not want to fight, but by jingo if

we do. We've got the men, we've got the guns, we've got the money, too.

-Boston Globe.

JAPAN IS FRIENDLY.

One of Its Consul Generals Speaks in High Praise of the Country.

San Francisco Chronicie,]

Consul General Tokahira, who has just been appointed Japan's representative at New York, arrived on the Oceanic, and will go at once to his post. He says: "I have always admired the United States and the Americans, and it gives me pleasure to be sent here. I am quite familiar with the country, for in 1879 I was sent to Washington as Sec retary of the Legation. I remained there

until 1884, and during that time traveled much through various States. I come to the country now without any special instructions, and without even knowing how long I am to remain. It seems to be the desire of the Japanese Government to keep on the most friendly terms with the United States, and therefore comparatively few changes are made in the consular service. I may stay

three or four years, or even longer." Consul Tokabira was for a long time Charge d'Affaires in Corea, which, in the opinion of the Japanese Government, is a very important office. He was also Consul at Shaughai, but returned from there to Tokio a year ago last March. Consul Sutemi Chimba, the representative of the Japanese Government in San Francisco was on hand to greet his friend Tokahira soon after the latter's arrival at the hotel. Many, other Japanese called during the day to pay their respects to the Consul General and his wife.

INCREASED CUBAN TRADE.

New York Tribune.]

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. ABOUT THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

-Baccarat is said to have gained a hold on Topeka's population.

How Gardeners Have Developed This Much Prized Flower-The Show Next Tuesday -It is reported that a Chicago man in-Expected to be a Great Success-Points tends to start an elephant farm in Southern California. Interest is increasing in the chrysanthe-

-Burlington, Kan., has a bank whose stockholders are all farmers living upon and operating their farms.

ditionally so since we expect soon to see some of its choicest varieties. Possibly Superintendent Hamilton, of the Allegheny -In Venezuela fireworks are never exploded at night. Sky rockets and roman candles are sent sky ward in broad day light. -It is estimated that 12,000 quail have

een killed in Mexico and marketed in the United States since the season opened, October L

-A grilled chop, grilled tomatoes and a pint bottle of ale is an Englishman's lunch This is taken about 1 o'clock, and costs 2and 6 and a tip for the waiter of 3 pence.

-The wear upon the Cape Cod coast is shown to be at the rate of 755,756 cubic yards per year, or an annual wear of the coast equal to a distance of about eight feet.

-In Poland some of the customs are eculiar. One of the said customs is to drop in upon your friends and crawl into the bed that has the greatest capacity at bed time.

-A recent cruption on the sun's face was hotographed and lasted for fully 15 minutes. Adam and the chrysanthemum, however, Its angular height showed it to be a dis parted so early in their acquaintance that ice causing the vapors to ascend fully e must have left it much as he found it. 50,000 miles. Thus the Japanese, with that peculiar sense of the beautiful which is as much a part of

-The record-breaking quality of the drouth may be inferred from the fact that an island, which hadn't been seen before since 1960, has recently appeared in Lake Wasso-keag in Dexter.

of the beautiful which is as much a part of them as their appetite for rice, took a liking to it. Long ago, nobody knows how long, they made the chrysanthemum the national buttomhole bouquet. When we English speaking people saw this queen of the gar-den we fell in love with her, and carried her across the occan. To-day the captive pervades the land. As its gardener Mr. Hamilton knows something of its beauties, frailties and covness. Since, through propagation and cultivation, it has taken to wearing more petals, the number of seeds it produces is lessoning. Something like a woman who, as she grows fonder of -There are records of elephants that have lived for 200 years, and an age of 150 years is not regarded as so very old for an elephant. It takes about a quarter of a century to get the elephant to full maturity.

-The Chinese have a superstition that if they release a bird or a beast in captivity they draw down a blessing upon themselves. The other day one of them bought three turtles at Portland, Ore., and threw them in-to the ocean.

-A curious artifice of war was adopted by a Chinese junk when attacked by a man-of-war. The crew threw cocoanuts overboard into the sea, and then jumped in among them. Nearly all escaped, for it was im-possible to tell which were heads and which were near ere nuts.

-A very superior quality of brick is now manufactured from the waste sand em-ployed at the factories in grinding and polishing glass, which necessarily accumulates in such large quantitles. The bricks thus pro-duced have a specific gravity of only 1.5 and are perfectly white

These may be the fittest to survive, but it -A rainbow at night is something new, is not the survival of the fittest. A large fly, that looks like a bee, is a sort of a hanger-on but that is what Dr. Conger and family, of Pasadena, saw the other night. Off toward the mountains a distinct semi-circle was out-lined against a heavy bank of fog, being al-together like the regulation rainbow, except that it was coloriess.

-The superstition of sailors that ecclesiastical associations bring bad luck to the ship will be strengthened by the recent exlosion of the steamship Evangel's boiler on Puget Sound, by which three men were killed outright and five others badly hurt. The Evangel had been a gospel ship, and was built by small subscriptions from a great number of churches.

-While ascending Pike's Peak by the new rack railway, about one person in 200 is affected by the rarity of the air at the high altitude. The indications of distress are tching and redness of the nose and then was dying apparently on a trip recently was sent back on the locomotive to the foot of the mountain, where she recovered. The summit is 14,400 feet above the level of the

-The degree of delicacy which has been attained in the application of the radio-micrometer for the measurement of radiant heat-viz, from the candle, a fire, the sun, seat-viz, from the candle, a fire, the sam, the moon, the stars, or anything else which radiates heat in space-is pronounced marvelous by scientists, a single illustration of this power being afforded by the fact that a really appreciable effect is produced on that instrument by a candle placed two miles away.

-There was recently taken from a small creek near Stringtown, I. T., a genuine curi osity in the shape of a petrified horse, which had, beyond doubt, been lying in the bed of

had, beyond doubt, been lying in the bed of the stream for many years. The creek, which is known as Mason's Ford, has been dwindling away for some time, owing to the failure of the springs by which it is fed, and is now but a shallow rivulet, and a number of Indian relics, human bones, etc., have been taken from its bed. -In some parts of the Colorado desert water boils up from springs, which are sur rounded by circular hillocks of carbonate of lime from four to eight feet in height, the material of which has been deposited from the flowing fluid. The latter is so highly charged with gas that it is difficult to corks in bottles filled with it. It seem queer to find in such a desolate country real oda water fountains supplied by nature Syrups are not offered to order, unfortu -A commission of gipsy moth exterminators, acting at the expense of Massachu-setts, under legislative authority, has been at work in the vicinity of Boston. The State has already spent \$100,000 in its war upon this insect pest, which in more than one suburb has stripped the trees entirely

or poor relation to the chrysanthemum; what Jalien Gordon, when she finds a simi-lar case in the human race, facetiously terms "The little brother of the rich." This fellow gives the gardener any amount of 'trouble, and is voted above accordingly. He flies hither and thither among the chrysan-themums when they are in bloom—a poor re-lation never bothers you unless you are flush. flush. He sips sweetnesses everywhere, until his little stomach is full of honey and his face covered with pollen. Nobody would mind him taking the honey if he would let the pollen alone. But he mixes the pollen here and there, destroys the varieties so that the mother chrysauthemum couldn't swear to her own offspring. The gardener has to tie up his pet seedlings in gauze and the fly either goes to its garret and starves or else hunts employment elsewhere. A Great Show Expected.

A Great Show Expected.

It is needless to say that the chrysanthe num show which opens in the Auditorium on Penn avenue on Tuesday, Novem-ber 10, and continues until Thursday,

ber 10, and continues until Thursday, November 12, will be largely attended. The regulation prizes for fine flowers are numerous and will appear in the cata-logue issued on the opening day. But in ad-dition a number of prominent people and firms are offering splendid prizes, which will be eagetly competed for by the various exhibitors. exhibitors. At a committee meeting yesterday evening

DIFFICULTY OF PUBLIC BEQUESTS.

It is now announced that the Tilden heirs will give \$2,000,000 of the fortune which they have won by the suit against the Tilden will to the public library foundation, to which the dead lawyer devoted a much larger sum.

This is a commendable act on the part of the heirs. As the fortune has been declared to be theirs it is practically giving that sum themselves. But that does not diminish the remarkable pass to which we have attained in the matter of great public bequests.

After it has been demonstrated that the greatest lawyer of his time cannot make a public bequest to suit the courts, must we not conclude that the carrying out of such gifts must either come in the lifetime of the giver or depend on the generosity of the next of kin?

THROUGH TRAFFIC AGREEMENTS.

The report that the Pennsylvania Railroad is negotiating a traffic agreement with the Northern Pacific Railway, which will give it direct connections from ocean to ocean, moves a Philadelphia paper to remark that the Pennsylvania Railroad already has such connections over all three transcontinental lines. But it says: "The proposed agreement may be of some financial benefit to the company."

The only significance to such a remark is that the agreement will be of such character as to throw all the traffic coming sponsibility. from one line to the other. Since such agreements are among the accepted methods of conducting railway operations, we may hope that the Pennsylvania Railroad will get all the advantages it can out

ufactured for this special occasion.

There is evidently a desperate necessity for a loophole where such contradictory arguments are resorted to. Before the Senate avails itself of this theory it should ask itself: "If we have no jurisdiction why have we been investigating and wasting the State's money during the past two weeks?"

NOW THE EXPLOSIONS.

Two explosions of powder or nitro-glycerine establishments are reported within the past thirty-six hours. One was at Cleveland day before yesterday, the other near Youngstown yesterday morning. The powder explosion seems to have been the most destructive, probably because the amount of the explosive was the largest; but both furnish emphatic intimations of the necessity of constant watchfulness in the handling of explosives.

Of course, everyone knows that the man ufacture of powder and the handling of dynamite and nitro-glycerine are extrahazardous matters. The conditions of both require them to be surrounded by the most painstaking precautions. The fact that such dangerous occupations are successfully prosecuted affords evidence that as a general rule these precautions are observed. But familiarity with danger often breeds carelessness; and in that event such disasters as those of yesterday and the day before are almost inevitable.

Of course, the nature of these fatalities makes it impossible that their cause and details can ever be exactly known. But the probability is that they were occasioned by some act of carelessness or some hasty omission of a precaution that for the mo ment appeared unnecessary. The importance of constant vigilance in all the occupations involving hazards cannot be too strongly insisted upon, and is fearfully emphasized by these casualties.

FIXING RESPONSIBILITY.

It is reported from Washington that the Comptroller of the Currency will in his annual report present a recommendation that Congress amend the national banking act so as to hold bank directors to a stricter responsibility in the conduct of those institutions.

That is a bit of legislation which has been indicated as necessary by several recent events and by the ruling of the Supreme Court in the Buffalo bank cases. But that is not the only portion of the national banking system which requires that sort of form. At the same time that Congress passes this legislation it should take steps toward holding the Comptroller of the Currency to a strict responsibility. The circumstances of the Keystone National Bank permit no milder inference than that the work of supervision lodged in the Comptroller's hands was negligently

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Better Employment for Workmen Toledo Commerciai.]

and inefficiently administered. That is the condition of affairs indicated by the Comp-Spokane Spokesman, i troller's own statement. Other statements

arouse even graver suspicions, and the most unfavorable indication of all is prein plants for that purpose, yet the Demo-cratic papers declare that there is not enough manufactured to make helmets at Republican rallies. sented by the constant obstacles to thorough investigation which crop up at the Treasury Department. Here is a firstclass place for insisting upon official re-

Stepping Into Line. Grand Rapids Herald, 1

Congress should take steps for fixing responsibilities of national bank directors, and also for placing upon the right shoulders the responsibility for letting political

SIR JOHN E. GORST reports the tendency of rural laborers in England to be the same as manifested in this country, namely, to flock into the cities. The difficulty seems to be world-wide but the way to check that menace to the proper division of fundamental labor has not yet been fully discov

THE anxiety of the Republican Senator to keep testimony out of the investigation is explained when we are given a taste of what ome of the testimony is like.

WHILE Mr. Bonner's views on the trot ter are always interesting, his offer of \$5,000 for the first record of 2:05 on a regulation course is not likely to hasten that achievement very much. To the man who owns i horse capable of that feat \$5,000 will be no special inducement.

PERTINENT PERSONALITIES.

SHIRLEY DARE says that fruit cake in more nourishing than bread. School girls will now rise and call her blessed. HERMAN OELDICHS is growing a winter rop of whiskers. He has purchased the residence of the late historian Bancroft at Newport

MRS. PHILIP BEVER, of Minneapolis has sued her Lusband for meals furnished him before they were married. She obtained a judgment. GEORGE GOULD is arranging for private hunting grounds where he can have his

game whenever he wants it. He has re stocked his Catskill range with deer and elk. EX-GOVERNOR "BOB" TAYLOR, of Tennessee, who fiddled his way into the Governor's chair, is to deliver a hundred lee tures in Southern cities on "The Fiddle and the Bow." LIEUTENANT FREMONT, U. S. N., son o the great pathinder, and Lieutenant Law rence, grandson of "Don't-give-up-the-ship'

Lawrence, took lunch together the other day, according to New York correspondents. U. S. MINISTER W. L. SCRUGGS, stationed at Caracas, Venezeula, is enjoying a vacation at his home in Georgin. There is

not much work attached to his office, but it is necessary to get away from Caracas once PRESIDENT DWIGHT, of Yale, while no

favoring the admission of women to study in the classes with men, does wish Yale had a woman's annex, and the only objection he finds to its establishment is that the Univer sity hasn't the money to put into it.

MRS. CHARLOTTE EMERSON BROWN, of Orange, President of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, is a daughter of Prof. Ralph Emerson. She is a handsome woman of fine physique and an accomplished linguist, speaking half a dozen languages fluently.

There is far better employment for work ing people than there was 30 years ago.; that is to say there is far more work to be done by the same number of men, and the wages are higher. The protective tariff was the chief element in producing this condition.

Twenty Tin Plants at Work.

There are at present over 29 concerns in the United States either actively engaged in the manufacture of American tin or putting

Major -McKinley's campaign in Ohio has been unwontealy brilliant. The prospects are that he will carry the State by an over-whelming majority and step into line as a Presidental candidate in 1892.

LOST HIS ROYAL BEARD.

KAISER WILLIAM has shaved off his beard. t probably came out thin on his royal chin. Boston News Now that the German Emperor has settled

the whisker issue, what will he do with Bisnarck?-New Orleans News. THE European war cloud is not more m

ertain than Kaiser Wilhelm's philosophical conclusions as to the utility of beards .-Chicago Times. The Empress of Germany has induced th

Emperor to shave off his beard. Mrs. Poffer should now have a confidential joint debate with the Senator .- Cleveland Leader. Ir is rumored in official circles that had

the Emperor not shaved, there would have been trouble of a serious character in the imperial household at Berlin. Whisker have never cut an extraordinary figure in the diplomatic and imperial history of this world, and the application of the razor to the young Emperor's face has probably taken them out of politics forever .- Toledo Rlade

The Emperor William, of Germany, h shaved off his whiskers, it is said, in deference to his wife's wishes, who from the very day he began to allow the stubby bristles on his imperial cheek to stand, has been antagonistic to hirsute appendages .- Woodstock Sentinel.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

THAT very forcible campaign oraton Money, is talking loudly for Flower at odds of 10 to 4 or 5.—New York World. Money, 'tis said, makes the marc go. In this case it will make the election go.

Oun pudgy and venerable relative, John Bull, it seems, has "interests" in Chile also That is all right, John, but this country has a "principle" at stake.—*Chicago Tribune*. In this case the "principle" is larger than the "principle" at larger than the "interest

THERE is a plant in Yucatan which cures insanity. There is one in the United States known as the tin-plate plant, which cause it.—Chicago Times. It would be a good idea if the free traders should import some of the Yucatan plant to cure the insanity caused by the other plant.

PROTECTION has been tried for more than 25 years and during all that time the labor ers of free trade England have been pouring into this country by the thousands. If free trade is so good, why do they come. Grand Rapids Telegram Heraid. Probably to escape some of the so-called benefits of the Camp-bell policy.

THOSE who put up their money on the 20 THOSE who put up then have you way the second secon ing to the pocket.—St. Paul Globe. On the contrary, they are more likely to find that it will have a moralizing effect on the Campellites. They won't be quite so ready next time to bet against a sure thing.

IMPRESSION gained by the Chicago Tribune in New York: "The impression was that Mr. Blaine had unalterably formed the intention of being the Republican nominee for President in '2." Impressions will be worth considerably more a week from to-morrow night than they are to day. - Kansat Cuy Star. Yes. They will be changed to certainties.

SOMEBODY interrupted a speech by Jerry Simpson in Ohio by suggesting a cheer fo John Sherman. Jerry crushed him instant ly by retorting: "My friend, hurrahing for Sherman will not put a pair of pants on your back."-Nebraska State Journal. No wonder Western people are down on Jerry, if that is the way he arranges their wearing appare for them.

Steamers Are Now Laden American Merchandise.

The reciprocity treaty with Spain has been in operation only two months, and flour has not yet been included in the reduced schedules: but there has been a large increase of trade with Cuba. Every Ward steamer now heading for the island is heavily laden with cargo, a marked increase of the trade in provisions having followed the negotiation of the agreement. It has even been neces sary to charter extra steamers in order to carry the outgoing freight. When the flour

carry the outgoing freight. When the flour reductions go into effect, the resources of the company's fleet will be heavily taxed to meet the requirements of the trade. This evidence proves how useful the re-ciprocity policy is in enlarging foreign mar-kets for American exports. So far as Cuba is concerned, the benefits are even greater than to American interests. Not only will the cost of living be diminished in the island, and flour brought within the reach of large classes who have not been able to buy it, but the industries will be developed by large investments of American enpital. by large investments of American capital. An immense quantity of improved sugar-plant is now going to Cuba from the United States, and the product of cane sugar will be increased one-half in the course of a few

CHAT ABOUT THE STAGE.

THE Pitou Stock Company will give us two new plays next week, at the Duquesne Theater, namely "A Modern Match" by Clyde Fitch, the young man who battled with Richard Mansfield for the authorship of 'Beau Brummel," and "Geoffrey Middleton. Gentleman," by Martha Morton the author of "The Merchant" which Pittsburg enjoyed a few weeks ago. The company which Mr.

Piton has gathered together is apparently of remarkable strength, and is fairly comparable to that A. M. Palmer sent nere last season, in which were Messrs. Stoddard, Holland and some others of even excellence. It is a fact that the press in other cities has praised Mr. Piton's players

and the plays in very warm terms, and the best critic in New York, Mr. Meltzar, devoted a page of the New York Herald to an illustrated criticism of,"Geoffrey Middleton" last Sunday, in which there was much com mendation.

THERE are lots of new things in "Superba, which the Grand Opera House will offer next week, so it is promised. The Hanlor Brothers have contrived new tricks and cenic effects, among which is a new trans formation scene by Hoyt, whose scenery in connection with the Casino Opera Company has been greatly admired here. The Hanlons "Superba" shall be practically a

new show, and they keep their promises.

A good sensational melodrama has a very long life, and "After Dark," which comes to the Bijou next week, is a fair example, both as to merits and longevity. All the scenic effects and sensational features of the play are to be strongly brought out, Manager W A. Brady promises, and in the London Music Hall scene Jim Corbett, the handsome Cali-

fornia pugilist, will spar four rounds with Jim Daly of Philadelphia.

ANOTHER farce comedy from John J. Mc Nally, the author of that classical mosale "A Straight Tip," will plead for laughter at the Alvin next week. The new farce is called Boys and Girls," and such clever people as the Irwin sisters, who assisted in the success of "The City Directory" last season; George Marion, Ignatio Martinetti and Wood and Shepperd are in the cast. Rich and Harris are the managers.

The management of the World's Museum in Allegheny promises another series of interesting novelties next week. At each performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" this week the crowds have been as large as Manager Keenan cared to handle, and he says next week's attractions will equally as good.

A wax who allows anyone to hammer his head with sledge-hammers, 200-pound rocks and inch planks will be one of the features Davis' Fifth Avenue Museum next at Harry week. He is known as "The Man with the Iron Skull."

At a committee meeting yesterday evening in N. Patterson's on Sixth arenfe, the com-plete list of extra prizes was arranged. Some of the contributors to the prize list selected the nature of the competition, while others were satisfied to put the matter in the hands of the committee. The complete list of prizes is as follows: First day-E. P. Roberts, handsome vase for the best handled basket of chrysanthe-mums: W. W. Wattles, vase for best display of orchids in bloom: Joseph Horne & Co., \$25 for most artistle display of cut orchids; Faul H? Hacke. handsome vase for best mranged flat oval basket of flowers. Mr. Hacke's present will be one of the most beautiful, as the vase is a rare one picked up during his European travels. Miss Mary Montooth will give \$10 for the Miss Mary Me th will give \$10 for the

prettiest hox of flowers. Second day-John Dimling, \$100 for dining room decoration, which will continue through the third day; Hardy J. Hays, handsome vase for most beautiful arrangement of vase of long-stemmed yellow chrysan-themums; Eichbaum, set of account books for vase of chrysanthemums of three wrie

ties. Third day-A number of Lawrenceville people will give a "Lawrenceville Cup," made of silver and valued at \$50, for the best bridal set.consisting of bride's bouquet, two bridemaids' bouquets, boutonniere for bride and two boutonniere for groomsmen. George W. Bizgs, vase for handsomely ar-nanged vase of long-stemaned roses; Ley and ranged vase of long-stemmed roses; Ley and Geiselhure, \$20 in money for handsomest wreath; John Sauer, \$25 for flat oval basket

of chrysanthenums. On the committee arc these mcn: A. W. Smith, chairman, B. L. Elliott, R. C. Patter-son, J. B. Murdoch, James Dell, John Her-ron, Julius Ludwig, John Baden, N. Patterson.

Social Chatter.

Social Chatter. SATURDAY there will be a Convention of Children's and Young People's Missionary Rands of the different Presbyterian Churches in Allegheny county at the Wil-kinsburg Presbyterian Church. This is a similar meeting to the one held in Dr. Kumler's caurch last year, at which 800 children were present. The programme is an interesting one. The morning session will begin at 10 o'clock, and after luncheon, which will be served free in the church, convene again at 2 o'clock. The Duquesne tratfer in cars, now running to Wikinsburg, go within a short distance of the church, transferring people at East Liberty for town upon their reture. To-xuaur the Women's Relief Corps No. 69

TO-NIGHT the Women's Relief Corps No. 60 To NIGHT the Women's Relief Corps No. 60 will give an entertainment in Emory M. E. Church, the money from which will be de-voted to Post 117, G. A. R., of which the corps is auxiliary. The Rev. C. V. Wilson will make an interesting address, Simeon Bissell and several pupils contribute musical selec-tions, and the Perehmont Camp, Sons of Veterana, act as ushers. The evening will be an enjoyable one.

be an enjoyable one. A special from McKeesport announces the marriage yesterday of Miss Irene O. Scott, daughter of John W. Scott, to J. Miller Remaley, of Allegheny City. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. A. Hare, after which Mr. and Mrs. Remaley left for Bellaire. Jersey City will be their place of residence. of residence.

A MEETING of all the delegates from the A MERTING of all the delegates from the city churches, in connection with "Pitts-burg Day" at the coming S. S. Hospital benefit is called for to-day at 2 o'clock, in the Second Presbyterian Church. The Chairman extressly requests a good repre-sentation to be present. Miss ENMA A. McKER, a sister of H. Sellers McKee returned vesteriary from a five

McKee, returned yesterday from a five months' tour o: England and the Continent. Miss McKee brought back many beautiful

MISS MCKGE brought once many beautiful presents and tokens of esteem to her host of near friends and relatives. THE Women's Guild, of Trinity Church, was busy selling cakes and fancy work in the Guild room yesterday. Everyone was busy as bees, and a good business was done. THE East Liberty branch of the Young Men's Christian Association will give its first entertainment to-morrow evening in its rooms, corner Penn and Center avenues.

Arriving at Wisdom,

Chicago Times.]

It is a matter of interest that the opening o settlement of some lands in Wisconsin has not brought a horde of hungry boomers to that State. Generally the settlement of a tract of Government real estate takes on the lively features of a fire panic or a free fight. have a right to some of the property, AII and all who are strong in nerve and shot guns get it. The others have to be contented with having had the right to have it. Those who do secure the free land then sit up nights thinking how they are going to get rid of it. This has been the story of most land-

openings. Perhaps Wisconsin has escaped a booming crussde because people are ar-riving at wisdom through the dark and gloomy byways of experience.

Chile Should Behave Better.

st. Louis Globe-Democrat.] The best thing that Chile can do is to so onduct herself that the United States shall not be obliged teach her a lesson in civility and propriety.

suburb has stripped the trees entirely of foliage. The ravages wore worse in Middle-sex county than anywhere else, and billions of eggs were there destroyed. Indeed, the nuisance has become so offensive that the fire department was frequently called out? waan moths off the trees and afterwai. crush them with rollers. This winter the superintendent of annihilation will keep 50 men employed at marking trees with the fatal white circle. Twenty-one years ago the gipsy moth was unknown in Massachu-setts. About that time a French professor, who brought some eggs over for a natural history collection, allowed them, it is said to blow out of a window. Hence all the trouble. trouble.

SEASONABLE SMILES.

Waiter-Help! help!

Proprietor-What's the matter!

"That guest over there went into a regular fit hen I gave him a glass of water, and I'm sure he's got hydrophobia

"Hydrophobia nothing! He's a Kent'ickian,"-

Mother-Now, Johnny, you must try to be a better boy. Of course, neither your father nor myself expect you to be an angel in this world, but we want you so to live while here that you may become one in the next. Johnny-I know why dad wants me to be an angel

-because it'll pesaving on clothes, -Boston Cour

"Look here." said the indignant passer-

by, "you haven't any sign up to let people know that this is fresh paint."

"No," was the noncanant repr. "Why laven't you?" "Because it don't make any difference to as whether people carry it off on their clothes or on their hands." "Washington Star.

I well can bear these chilling breezes

Old War Horse (looking along the half

moonlit plazza of the summer hotel)-Hump! this reminds me of Shiloh. His Companion-How is that?

Old War Horse-The engagement seems to be general all along the line. -Los Galos News.

Mrs. Bold-My husband is very jealous,

I can't look at another man without making him very angry. How can I cure him? Mrs. Sharp-Stop looking at other men.-Brook-

"Comrades! Comrades!" he sang in the

Miss Oldun-Will 1900 or 1901 be consid-

ered as the first year of the twentieth century? Miss Sharpe-I really don't know, but perhaps you can tell me how the beginning of the nine-teenth century was reckoned. -San Jose Times,

Makes All the Difference-Barkeeper (to

Stranger)-Say, get away from there, will you? You can't make a dinner on the lunch. Stranger (deprecatingly)-I am not eating any more than the others, dr. Barksceper (decisively)-Bat you cat as if you were hangry.-Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly.

eventide. The lights were low -I dealt him a blow, And "ne died right by my side."

eventide.

That autum brings, and sudden freezes. The heaped up coal bin I can stand;

When from the house and round about

The smoking furnace drives me out; But when to a saloon I go One sentence chocks me full of woe:

I ask for something warm and wet

"We haven't our hot water yet.

"No. " was the nonchalaut reply.

My temper even I command

-Minneapolis Tribune.

-New York Herald.

-Puck.

And now the sad-eyed married man

Docth mount the hash mill stool And call for tripe, likewise "ham and"-His wife's at cooking school.