#### PITTSBURG DISPATCH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1891. THE

#### COUNTRY MAIL DELIVERY.

#### It Would Be a Saving of the Time of the Feople Generally.

Chicago Herald.1 One reason why free mail delivery should

be extended beyond the limits of cities and large towns is because it would be in the broadest and best sense economical. It The storm of wind and rain which swept down upon the city yesterday caught a would effect a great saving of time to the good many people unprepared. Among others a big drygoods firm got at least one people in the country. It would take very much less time in the aggregate for one man to deliver the mail to a score or more of lesson in economy at rather a high price. They sent a valuable wrap to one of their farmers than for each of these farmers to go to the postoffice and get his mail. The customers, and neglected to give the boy car fare. The wrap was packed in a big pasteboard box, and though the boy tried to farmer could better afford to pay 3 cents postage on each letter, if it were necessary, protect it as best he might with his coat, the than to go after his mail every day or even every three or four days. Whatever time the farmer would save by free delivery he box was pulp and the wrsp a wreck by the time they reached their destination. Naturally the customer, a lady, refused to accept a mushy mixture of silk and paste-board as her purchase, and the boy had to could employ so as to save from five to twenty times the cost of delivery, and what he saved would go to improve his condition take it back to the store, where the storm broke out afresh. About 10 o'clock a young woman passing along Smithfield street yesterday morning.

the save would go to improve his condition in some way. It might give him a daily paper with the market quotations, or it might give him any of a hundred things which he does not now enjoy. But it is not necessary to increase the post-age on mail matter delivered by the country carrier service. As has heretofore been stated in these columns, it has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated by experiment in no less than 31 States that free delivery would pay by inducing a greatly increased use of the mails. It has been found that the average cost is about \$200 per township. In some townships the increased use of the mails has not been enough to make up this \$200, but in others it has been more than enough, so that on the average free delivery more than pays so far as it has been tried. was asked by a venerable old woman to direct her to a house in Woods' Run, to

#### FOR SHERMAN.

#### The Preponderance of Ohio Republican Newspapers Favor the Senator.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.1

When the morning after the Ohio election the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette, the Mans-field News, the Toledo Blade, and half a dozen other papers not so well known, be-gan a shout for ex-Governor Forsker, and claim that John Sherman would be retired from the United States Senate, there was a grave suspicion that the friends of Foraker had undertaken to forestall public opinion by the shout of a press syndicate. If such was the intention, the plan has miscarried. The Ohio press has kept quiet on the Sena torial question during the campaign. That

The only press has kept queet of the sona-torial question during the campaign. That was proper discretion, since it is always difficult and dangcrous to fight a great bat-tle with the enemy and have a contest di-viding the army at the same time. But since the election and the load claims of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazetic, which is no longer the leader of the Republican press in Ohio, the papers have begun to speak their preferences, and 75 of the hest-known Republican papers in the State have declared for Sherman's re-election. This list is led by four stalwart papers, four of the ablest Republican defenders of the State, the Cieveland Leader, the Ohio State Journal, of Columbus, the Cincinnati Times-Star, and the Dayton Journal. These papers have always been Republican papers, above the taint of suspicion. They have never been conducted in the interest of the per-sonal glory of any one man, but to represent the Republican sentiment of the cities and sections of the State where edited. Mr. Carnegie Pleased With His Monument. Mr. Carnegie Pleased with the about the library which he gave to Allegheny, on Friday last, he was very well pleased with all that he saw there. It was in the afternoon, and although Friday was not such a busy day at the library as some are, Mr. Carnegie had a good chance to see the operation of all the departments. Mrs. Carnegic, Mr. Henry Phipps, Mr. Ricketson and another gentleman accompanied Mr. Carnegie. They visited the music hall, and heard the big organ

## POLITICAL POINTS.

now when the Senatorial contest is over It ought to stop to figure, and then it would learn that over two-thirds of the Republi-can members of the Legislature are for Sherman.-Ohio State Journal.

organization which believes in the subtreasury, has called a convention, proposing a separate organization. It is a question however, in many minds, whether the alliance is large enough at the present time to split.-Boston Traveller.

the charge of being greedy by holding on to two offices. It is likely, however, that he doesn't care so much for the money as for the secret joy of holding two offices, and keeping Jones out of one. Jones is not al-together happy.—Ballimore American.

strengh, published in the columns of the paper which started the boom for Foraker, gives the Manfiseld statesman 60 of the 92

# CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The pennyweight was the exact weight of the old British silver penny.

-Yellowstone National Park in Northwestern Wyoming comprises 3,600 square miles.

-The first complete Italian translation of Poe's poems will be published in Rome next month.

-At Tornes, Einland, June 21 is pearly 22 hours long, and Christmas less than three hours in length.

-In Kansas careful inquiry is said to reveal the fact that desirable land has in-creased 25 per cent in value in the past 13 ears.

-One of the most important and valuable collections of postage stamps and other postal devices in the world is in the German Imperial Postoffice Museum at Berlin.

-"Personal" item from the Talmud: "Moses died on the seventh day of Adar, the same day of the same month on which he was born, his age being exactly 120 years.

-The marks £, s., d., used as the designs--the marks L, S., G., used as the designa-tions for the principal denominations of British money are an abbreviation for the Latin "librs, solidi et denarii," "pounds, shillings and pence."

-The longest day of the year at Stockholm, Sweden, is eighteen and one-half hours in length. At Spitzbergen, three and one-half months. At London, England, sizteen and one-half hours, and at New York about fifteen hours long.

-"China for the Chinese" is the motto of the Ka-lo-ko Society of Chins, the member-ship of which is numbered by millions. The support which is humbered by minibal. The solvest is secret. One of its main objects is to prevent foreigners from living in the Celestial Empire, and another is to detbrone the present Tartar Emperor and restore the ancient Ming dynasty.

-The richest man in New York is John D. Rockefeller, who is said to have nearly \$180,000,000. Then follow the Astors with probably \$150,000,000. Cornelius Vanderbilt with about \$125,000,000. Cornelius Vanderbilt with about \$125,000,000. The richest man America has ever seen was William H. Vanderbilt, who, at the time of his death, was worth \$230,000,000.

-The ancient cubit varied among different peoples. It is the length of the human arm from the elbow to the tip of the middle arm from the eloow to the top of the middle finger. According to the most recent in-vestigations, the Roman cubit was 18.47 inches in length: the Greek, 18.29, and the Hebrew from 20.24 to 21.88, the variations be-ing due to the age and the locality in which the measure was employed.

-The chief scenes of shipping disasters that occur off coasts are, in England, the approaches to the Thames, the Mersey, the Humber, and the Tyne: the entrance to the Channel, and the Norfolk and Cornish coasts. In Scotland the Firths of Forth and Clyde. In Ireland the wreck localities are scattered pretty impartially along the cast-ern shore from Larne to Cape Clear.

-The Norwegians make of goat's milk a brown cheese, called "mysost," which does not look very inviting to a foreigner. It is made in the shape of little bricks. A It is made in the shape of little bricks. A native, Dr. Julius Nicholyson, was sending some Norwegian delicacies to a friend in Germany, and among others he put in a piece of mysoat. His friend wrote and thanked him for the salmon, etc., and then continued: "The sonp is very nice; but we find great difficulty in making the lather." This was the cheese:

-What is called the "facial angle" was invented by Feter Camper, and first de-scribed by him in a book published in 1791. Its use is in measuring the elevation of the forehead. One line is drawn from the middle of the ear to the edge of the nostrils, and die of the ear to the edge of the nostrins, and another thence to the ridge of the frontal bone, and the greater the angle the greater is supposed to be the intelligence of the sub-ject measured. In the inferior ruces the facial angle is usually between 60 and 70; with Europeans it is from 75 to 85 degrees.

-In Yucatan, men, women and children smoke, and hundreds of girls are employed in making cigarettes. The better class of people make their own, and in town, village people make their own, and in town, village and city the ladies may be seen sitting be-hind the prison-like gratings of the win-dows of the houses quietly rolling up to-bacco in a small piece of maize husk and smoking these cigarettes incessantly, claim-ing that the toasting of the maize husk as it burns gives a delicate flavor to the cigarette far surpassing that of tobacco leaf or paper.

-The grain, the smallest weight in use, was called from being originally the weight of a grain of wheat. A stat-ute, passed in England in 1256, ordained

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DAILY DISPATCH, One Month.....

EASTERN ADVERTISING OFFICE, ROOM I, TRIBUNE BUILDING, NEW YORK, where com-piets file of THE DISPATCHIVEA nalways be found. Yorsign advertisers and friends of THE DISPATCH, while in New York, are also made welcome. An afternoon cotemporary criticises the statement of THE DISPATCH that if the curative legislation is not sustained those who have paid their assessments under the old law will have no means of getting their money back, and, having paid their own assessments, will have to bear their share of the general levy to pay the assessments of others. This statement is excepted to on the ground that "there is no law authorizing the city to commit robbery by compelling persons to pay twice for the same thing," and the asser-tion that property owners who fail to receive exoneration "can assuredly receive the money originally paid." This may be WEIKLY DISPATCH, One Tear...... 125 the lay idea of justice, but it will not be wise to rely too confidently on the belief THE DAILY DISPATCH is delivered by carriers at 15 cents per week, or, including Sunday Edition, at 20 cents per week. that it is one taken by the courts. It must be remembered that the city does not compel the property owner strictly to pay twice for the same thing. It induces him to pay once for an assessment on the property for an especial improvement, and that assessment having been declared illegal, it keeps the money, while assessing him, to help the debt that comes on the city at The apparently authentic announcement of the forced resignation of Dictator large by the assessments that have been Fonseca furnishes another strong proof resisted. That this perpetrates the double that would-be imitators of Cæsar and incongruity of putting a hardship on those Napoleon cannot flourish anywhere on the who pay assessments promptly, and of American Continent. Neither the locakeeping money obtained by methods tion nor the era is congenial. This latest which the courts declare to be unconstituadventurer, who has endeavored to transtional is true, but we have the concurrent form Brazil from a free Republic to a testimony of lawyers and city officials that despotic empire, subject only to his deit is the practice warranted by the rulings crees, may consider himself indeed forof the courts.

tunate that so far he has been able to preserve his life from the vengeance of an invails, it will establish a much closer adherence to the line of even-handed justice; It is to be hoped, however, now that sucbut it will also, in case the curative legiscess has crowned the efforts of those who lation is not sustained, land the city in refused to submit to a dictatorship, that vastly increased practical difficulties. In there will be none of those excesses and that case the city will have not only to crucities sometimes attributed to the fiery provide for the payment of the \$2,000,000 South American temper. The Republic or more unpaid contracts, but in addition will be all the stronger for dealing with as it will have to hustle to find money for remuch moderation as possible with those funding the \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 of who attempted to desiroy it. Fonseca assessments collected and paid out under dead might come to be considered a marthe old street acts before the late decision. And when that is done the same inequity will operate against the people who have paid their share of the general levy to clear off this \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000. They The breaking of the storm on Pittsburg will have to pay special assessments under yesterday, besides the usual results of the new law for improvements to be made

high wind in breaking down wires and in the future. smashing an occasional sign, found a high and partially completed wall on the South Side of the river, which was without the strength to resist the force brought against it. Its fall into the neighboring houses and the loss of one life are the in-The case repeats on a smaller scale the disaster to the Willey building of a few years ago: and it is instructive to notice

that the same excuse, that builders cannot be expected to guard against such extra-An exceedingly frank and striking ordinary storms, is already repeated. But theory of political action is developed by to that it must be answered that the storm wells. the Richmond Dispatch, in discussing the of yesterday, while unusual, was not unquestion whether the Democrats in the precedented. It was preceded by a renext House shall elevate their Speaker to markably low barometer, and came with a the position of absolutism assumed by Mr. suddenness that made it especially impres-Reed and allow him to count quorums. sive. But the Signal Service reports its changes, The Dispatch gravely concludes that, as maximum speed at 27 miles per hour, crats have such a tre THEN the Der majority, they will be able to keep a nearly as flercely as the jingo press at a safe distance from the scene of difficulties in quorum, and as the President and Senate are Republican, so that nothing could be Chile. gained by forcing legislation through the JERRY SIMPSON'S claim that thirty-five House, it is unnecessary, unwise and un-Alliance members will meet in the cancus of that party in the House, is rather too closely profitable to follow the Republican exin the line of his prediction of 150,000 Alli ample. ance votes in Ohio, to make a severe impres-The principle that it is foolish to do sion on the public. wrong when you can make just as much by doing right is pretty well established, and THE wind evidently intended that the the assertion of it is rather supererogatory. members of the National Committee shall But the converse of the Democratic or. have time to get safely home before the disgan's proposition is so plainly indicated appointed cities can learn of their action. by its argument as to be rather striking. IT seems that prisoners can get out of the By urging so strongly that nothing is to be Butler county iail almost as easily as out of gained by adopting the Reed programme, our granite structure under the late regime. it virtually admits that if there were any, thing to be gained the Democratic party would follow it. If there were hope of WALT WHITMAN has of late refused to carrying Democratic measures through by see the visitors who come in numbers to such means, the Richmond organ tacitly call on him. He has been compelled to take argues that the Democratic Speaker this precaution in self-defense against the should count quorums, pack committees curiosity which brings them to his idle and refuse to recognize the members of doors. the opposition or entertain their motions. THE Beau Brummel of New York's mid-But that is all that Mr. Reed did. No dle-aged millionaires is Mr. D. O. Mills, who follows the fashions in male attire very one supposes that even that brutally closely, wears his clothes well and is altofrank partisan would have done the acts gether a model for a metropolitan Crossus to by which he enraged the Democrats if he pattern after. had not hoped to gain something by it. CLARENCE R. CLAGHORN, of Philadel-In other words, he had the same justificaphia, will sail for Hamburg to-day for the purpose of inspecting the appliances contion as that indicated by the Democratic organ as sufficient for the Democrats. sected with the coal and coke operations of When the organ intimates that on the Germany and Austria. same inducements the Democrats should MISS BRADDON, the novelist, has one do the same thing, it simply amounts to a great hobby-the collection of old china. She confession that, from the politician's point has a series of magnificent cabinets of this at her house in Richmond, near London, and of view, the Democratic condemnation of one room is known as the plate-room, be-Reed was only partisan clamor. cause it is hung around with china plate. We do not believe that all Democrats SIR EDWIN ARNOLD'S resemblance to have as little regard for principle as this Charles Dickens attracts general attention indicates. But the inference that under among New Yorkers. If Sir Edwin is so like circumstances the Democrats would much better a speaker, according to Amer-ican ideas, than most of the other lecturers adopt Reed's course is an evidence that Great Britain has sent or lent us, it may be organs and politicians are tarred with the cause he is so much better a journalist. same stick on both sides of the political THERE is but one American whom the

are unimportant beside the grand and controlling object of letting the party get The function of the Mugwump has been

to revolt against this rule of political insincerity by protesting when the professions of principles were too wantonly violated in actual practice. If there were more like him, who placed principle and honesty before party allegiance, the politicians would very soon learn the importance of giving some validity and force to their platform professions.

#### AS TO PAID ASSESSMENTS.

If the view of our cotemporary pre-

In short, the only way on either theory to avoid a greater or less injustice is to have the curative act sustained. And, of course, that involves the logical contradiction of asserting that an act which it was beyond the power of the Legislature to authorize in the first place can be made constitutional by a subsequent and curative act of the same body.

## A STRIEING SIMILARITY.

ficially enhanced prices, or stock-jobbing manipulations to secure prosperity. If it does not perform the mercantile service more cheaply or better than the usual system, it will speedily lose the support of the farmers. Beyond that the cash system -which was the sheet anchor of the Rochdale plan-is more than likely to prove a rock in the path of agricultural co-opera-

tion. Nevertheless, there are many aspects in which this project shows decided strength. A co-operative enterprise of that magnitude should be able to defeat the many devices by which excessive profits are secured

to middlemen in the marketing and distribution of profits. Indeed, in the present paralysis of legal principles before the might of the trusts, it is doubtful if there is any way to offset those combinations except by organization of consumers on these lines.

THE Philadelphia Press devotes considerable space to studying the causes of Mr. Blaine's defeat in 1884. This is a long deferred performance of a duty which generally occupies party organs during the six weeks immediately succeeding an election. It would be gratifying if it could be believed that politicians generally were disposed to study the causes of defeat seven years after it has occurred. But it seems difficult to get some Pennsylvania politicians to remember why they were licked 1890.

THE blowing down of two electric light towers in Allegheny by the high wind yes-terday will be regarded by a great many Alleghenians as a just visitation on the tower for its work in darkening the streets in that vicinity.

THE promise of a circus in the New York Senate is hardly sufficient to justify the Hon. David Bennett Hill in his effort to shp some of his boys in under the official canvass.

TALK to the effect that Chile has backed down or that it has been forced to do so, by the brag and bluster of the Government, which are the two expressions indulged in by the opposing organs, is equally mis-placed. The fact is, that when reasonable and courteous negotiations began the good sense of the two Governments made the way clear to an amicable settlement.

THE exhuming of ninety vehicle license plates from the cellar of the Allegheuy municipal building, is an indication that probing into the dark recesses of the Northside's city business is certainly not without results.

THE news from the speakership contest have the same qualities of fickleness and unreliability that mark the news from the South American revolution.

MUCH space has been devoted more or NUCH space has been devoted more of less successfully to clearing Egan of the charge of having transgressed neutraling in the Chilean struggle. But no one has yet produced a defense of the charge that he presented a moderate and conservative note of the Government to Chile in a way that made it a bluster and menace.

THE speak-easy raids amount to evidence that the illicit liquor business still crops out at points, and that the police authorities are still of the laudable opinion that it is their business to stop it.

THE widely advertised Mexican revolution is not coming up to the standard of success obtained by the Brazilian and Chilean entertainments.

THE Standard oil consultations in this city may be, as alleged, simply of routine matters; but the routine is bringing them here so closely together as to pardon the opinion of the suspicious outside public that there is something in the wind, if not in the

OUR weather is showing all the varieties that are incident to the season; but a critic would have grounds for complaining that it need not be so suddenly enthusiastic in its

was not a cyclone; bu

PERSONAL.

# RECEPTION DEFERRED.

Mrs. Sumner Will Not Give an Art Reception, Though Pittsburgers Individually Are Good Patrons-A Crotchet Is Crochet -Tea Table Talk.

MRS. FRANCES SUMNER has decided not to give an art reception during her present visit. Instead, she has contented herself with calling upon acquaintances, or the ac-quaintances of acquaintances, to induce, or more correctly to revive an interest in etchings. Really there hasn't been much trouble in doing this, for Pittsburg people were always wonderfully hospitable to this example of art in black and white. In then of the larger, formal art reception, Mrs. Summer has had the walls of her suite of rooms in the Monongahela House hung with some of the most exquisite of the etchings she brought with her, and here her friends, or appreciative people, are made exceed-ingly welcome. Her rooms last week were the Mecca of many travelers on the road to art knowledge, and many more are expected this week, which will be Mrs. Summer's last act, for the present, in Pittsburg. A few choice water colors makes the collection a very complete one for connoisseurs. more correctly to revive an interest in

COLTART square last night was the scene

of much enjoyment, inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Glesenkamp's residence goes or much enjoyment, inastituen as Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Glesenkamp's residence goes to make up for a pleasant reception. The occasion was the christening of Joseph Glesenkamp, Jr., a likely looking chap of ten day's experience on earth. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, etc., also being enhanced by a charming array of young ladies, friends of Mrs. Glesenkamp. A collation served by Hagan was tastily placed on the festal board and as heartily enjoyed by the guests. Many bright, appropriate and happy re-marks were made for the young couple and especially for the heir who promises to be a credit to the name. G. Dawson Swearegin was toastmaster, while L. Glesenkamp, the happy grandfather, was a most efficient master of ceremonies. Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. Glesenkamp, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. O'Nell, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. L. Glesenkamp, Mr. of Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. C. Hess, Miss Maggie Campbell, Miss Annie Hess, Adam Hess, all of Wheeling, the home of Mrs. J. A. Glesenkamp. Some of the young gentlemen present were: G. D. Swearegin, John L. O'Neil, Edwin Riley, S. B. Thompson and S. Lemeul Behrmann.

and S. Lemeul Behrmann.

"BURT" is disturbed over the disposal of a white crocheted necktie and writes to THE DISPATCH regarding his trouble. We do not wear such a necktie, have never worn one,

wear such a necktie, have never worn one, nor do not expect soon to do so. So we profess not to be authority, on when it is in scason or out of scason. But a Ward Mc-Allister, on dress in town, at our request, comes to "Burt's" aid. A white silk croch-eted tie should never be worn with evening dress, i. e., with formal swallow tail coat and low cat vest; first, because it is not good form—a reply which is not an answer—and secondly, since this sort of a tie is neces-sarily a tour-in-hand, it would be too short for a low cut vest. It is, however, emi-nently to wear it, say, in semi-evening dress, and when one is calling upon the dear one who made it. Undoubtedly she will think it needs adjustment, and then—and then—but why should the writer venture to force his impertinent third person upon such a scene?

MRS. ANDREW BOYCE, Secretary of the

W. C. T. U., has written to Lady Henry omerset regarding her cousin's promise visit, but has not yet received an answer. The arrangements for Lady Henry's recep-tion will be completer than those were for her expected arrival in November. A public hall will be chosen for her to speak in, as it is thought she will draw a larger andience there than at the Smithfield M. E. Church. It is felt that, while there would not be open hostil-ity to a church building, there might be selected until Lady Somerset gives a posi-tive assurance of her coming. visit, but has not yet received an answer.

THE School of Design for Women has arranged to defer their tableaux until January 19. It would not be convenient to give them earlier than that in the Pittsburg Club Theater, now being refurnished, and it would not be preferable to give them elsewhere. Without exactly making a plea for the en-tertainment, still it wouldn't be a bad plan for the friends of the girls to remember the School of Design about Christmas, and hy naide something against the arrival of the tableaux. They will be very elever, very swell, and unite the correct function to at-tend in January. them earlier than that in the Pittsburg Club

tend in January. For Thanksgiving Day a special programme of music has been arranged at the Third Presbyterian Church, to be sung by

The Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette does not

THAT faction of the Farmers' Alliance

GOVERNOR HILL is making himself liable to

An estimate of Senator Sherman's votes of the Republican caucus. This is rather low, but a majority of 28 will be a

pretty comfortable margin.-Cleveland Leader.

visited the music hall, and heard the big organ before making a tour of the library proper. Mr. Stevenson, the librarian, took them through the building, showed them how the 15,000 volumes now in the library were arranged upon the shelves, and pointed out to Mr. Phipps his special donation of scien-tific works. Mr. Carnegie and all his parry congrutulated Mr. Stevenson on the condi-tion of the library and the efficiency of the staff of ladies he has rathered about him. The only considerable feature that is lack-in the Carnegie Library, according to the hibrarian, sundry Councilmen and many per-sons who use the library at present. Such a room would contain the major part of the books most often needed for reference, and writing. The reading room proper is not to large for the readers of periodicals and pa-pers and light literature, and there is little space there for the student who de-sires to consult many books and make notes therefrom. Mr. Knox, the Chairman of the Library Committee of Councils said to me yesterday: "I should have liked to have suzzested to Mr. Car-negie the other day which the additional space for the much-needed reference library could be secured at a moderaite cost and conveniently. There is a vacant area be-tween the cataloguing room and the music hall, over the bolier room, mon which could be erected a building that would not unar the architectural scheme of the structure as it now stands, and which would give us all the room we want. If this is ever done it might be advisable to tear out the northern end of the music hall and add sufficient space for a stage to accommodate a chorus of 200 or 300."

efore making a tour of the library proper.

direct her to a house in Woods' Run, to which she expected to make her way on foot. The storm was at its height, and the young woman, in the security of her um-brells and macintosh, took pity upon the old one, who without any defense against the lashing rain, was alrendy drenched throngh, and gave her 10 cents for carfare, as well as the direction she asked. While they waited for a car, the old woman, who might have been her benefactrees' grandmother, related how she came to be out in such weather. She had been a patient in one of the city hos-pitals for many weeks, suffering trom the

STORIES OF THE STREET.

Frenks of the Storm-An Old Grandam's

Sad Plight-Mr. Carnegie's Visit to the

Allegheny Library-Improvements and

Repairs Needed There-The Entracte

Nuisance Attracts a Babe's Attention.

she came to be out in such weather. She had been a patient in one of the city hos-pitals for many weeks, suffering from the grip, and that morning she had been dis-charged cured. She had not a penny, and it may be charitably presumed that the hos-pital authorities sent her out without even carfare because the rain at that hour had not begun to fall. It was not exactly the sort of morning for a convalescent from the grip to be out. Waiting in the Carnegie Library in Alle-gheny for the storm to abate the writer saw three umbrelias blown inside out at one time, for the wind had a particularly free sweep across the hay market square and up Federal street. Of the three persons whose umbrelias fell a prey to the hurritane, only one had the sense to face about and make the wind undo its work by blowing her um-brella into serviceable shape again, and she was a little girl of ten. What added to the missing of pedestrians in Allegheny about this time was the disablement of all the elec-tric lines for nearly half a nhour. The wind played have with the wires, and while they were grounded, of course, all the cars came to a standstill.

while that of the Willey building was 29.6 miles per hour. When we consider that a speed of forty or fifty miles an hour is generally regarded as necessary to establish a evelone of destructive energy, it is plain that such winds as these are not an adequate excuse for falling buildings.

The fact is the lesson in this case repeats that of the Willey building, namely, the risk of running up high walls without closing the ends or providing adequate bracings, especially in damp weather when the mortar sets slowly. Twice in the past few years haste of this sort has proved to be waste of property and life as well. The experience ought to be sufficient to produce a change in the practice.

#### WORKING IT BOTH WAYS.

Owen E. Murphy can claim to be the proud leader in new development of the possibilities of travel between the United States and Canada, in the pursuit of the boodling profession. Others have perceived before the possibility of doing a good thing by passing from one country to another with a pile of money belonging to other people: but Murphy has struck out in the original line of working both countries. Having been the Treasurer of the Excise Board in New York, he took \$50,000 of the public money and skipped out for Canada. In Canada he became a Government contractor, made a fortune and finally was run out of the Dominion as a boodler.

But this does not discourage a man of Murphy's genius. The possibilities of the business are just opening up. He goes back to New York and out of his Canadian stealings made himself straight by paying back his original defalcation. This puts him in the direct line of Tammany promotion, and there is no reason why he should not secure some important fiduciary position in New York, get well ahead of New York City, and in the fullness of time fly between days to Canada | fence. and make his peace with the Canadian authorities out of the New York funds.

It will be seen that this opens up an almost infinite alternation of profitable trips to and fro across our Northern border. Indeed, it promises a regular variation of the business among professional and peculating politicians-except in Pennsylvania. At present there does not seem to be any reason why Pehnsylvania politicians who have indulged in irregularities should go to Canada or anywhere else.

#### PLATFORMS AND POLITICIANS.

The Washington Post very forcibly asserts that in the formation of political platforms, neither party has addressed itself squarely to the sympathy, the inteiligence and the patriotism of the people, but that "both have dodged and quibbled and skipped. Both have suppressed for policy's sake the things they reverenced and advocated for the same sordid reason the things they loathed." After which | margin to cover losses for bad debts. On the Post detracts from its comprehension of the trouble by asserting that "the shadow of the Mugwump is over it all."

This is giving the Mugwump a degree of influence in the platform committee of political conventions, that is wholly bewond his actual importance. If we are ence like Minerva fully equipped and on not much mistaken the people who frame the largest scale from the inception. platforms are the exact opposite of the Whether the Farmers' Alliance can ac-Mugwumps. The habit of professing in platforms the things which they do not be- ment only can tell. The greatest difficulty lieve; of suppressing frank avowals of will be in securing the business manage what they really want for fear that it may cost a few votes; and of making pledges prise honestly and intelligently on the vast which there is no intention of carrying out | scale proposed. The co-operative organizis distinctly the characteristic of the party ation cannot, like the trusts, rely on arti-

#### THE FARMERS' CO-OPERATION.

The reported adoption by the Farmers' Alliance of the Rochdale system of cooperation is an effort in the most legitimate line of that organization's existence. But it will be wise for them to make sure that they can repeat the Rochdale experiment in practice as successfully as they can adopt it in theory. The history of the Rochdale co-operation shows that it was an enterprise which started on the humblest scale and worked its way to the grandest proportions step by step. Its progress was due mainly to strict adherence to three or four principles. The co-

an almost infinitesimal start.

year, and for 65 of those years he has been a poet, though for the most part using prose as the vehicle of expression for highly poetic thought. At the age of 7 he wrote in blank operators were either by the reduction of verse a singular essay on "Time." year he wrote an invocation to the sun to expenses or by being made sharers in the shine on his garden, which is an amusing, profits supplied with goods cheaper than almost a pathetic, mixture of poetry and they could get them elsewhere; the busipathos. At the age of 20 he gained the Newdigate prize for English poety, and soon after abandoned the muse because, as he ness was under the close supervision of those interested; and finally all sales were made for cash, doing away with the said, he could not express his ideas in verse. this plan the Rochdale co-operation

Immigrants Fleeing From Europe Denver Republican. ] It is a significant fact that a great many of

White Elephant, and that was General J. A.

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM M. SPRINGER,

the Illinois candidate for Speaker, is a tall, wiry man, with thin hair and an iron-gray

beard and mustache. He always wears a Prince Albert frock-coat, carefully brushed,

tightly buttoned and ornamented with a

JOHN RUSKIN will soon complete his 72d

Thenext

Queen Victoria.

buttonhole bouquet.

worked itself up by a healthy growth from the immigrants from Europe who are now arriving say that they have been induced to It is easy to see that building up a great te through the fear that there will be emigrate through the fear that there will be a war in Europe next year. Whether these immigrants really know anything abont the prospect of war may be questioned, but it would seem clear that where there is a gen-eral fear among the people that war is im-minent, there must be some foundation for it. The leading nations of continental Europe are under such a heavy strain to preserve their military establishments that it would not be surprising if they were to seek relief in war. If so, they would be prompted by the hope that a war would so far settle international European questions that there would no longer be any necessity for the maintenance of large standing armies for the preservation of peace. business step by step, in this way, is a very different thing from bringing it into existcomptish the latter feat the actual experiment which can conduct such an enterarmies for the preservation of peace

Third Presbyterian Church, to be sung by the regular choir. Miss May Beesley, so-prano: Mrs. Mary R. Scott, contralto: Mr. F. J. Jussman, tenor: Mr. W. B. Edwards, bass; Prof. J. H. Gittings, organist. The pro-gramme is: "Praise the Lord," quartet, Mo-zart; "I Will Extol Thee," soprano solo from the oratorio "Ell," "Costa:" "Thou Visitest the Earth," quartet, W. H. Callcott: Jubilate, tenor and soprano solos and quartet ar-ranged from the "Staboat Mater" of Rossini, introducing the "Inflammatus."

A SWALLER andience than that on Satur day, due, no doubt, to the weather, greeted Mrs. Parker last night at the Pennsylvania College for Women. The lady continued her interesting lecture on dress and reform, though omitting some of the most interest-ing details concerning the new fad in under-wear, as gentlemen had been invited to be present. Mrs. Parker stays in town for a few

Social Chatter.

A very pretty sight last night was Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ford's box party to Clara Morris at the Alvin Theater. The ladies went all bare beaded and in exquisite evening dress; the delicate shades of their gowns being charming foil to the beautifully draped and upholstered boxes. The party occupied the two left-hand boxes.

MRS. JOHN W. BLACK will be hostess to a theater party of 13 children at the Audito rium on Penn avenue in honor of her little sons. ingratitude!-Boston Traveller.

MISS SALLIE WARD, of the East End, is vis-iting relatives and friends in New York.

# UNCONVENTIONAL CONVENTIONALITIES.

THE city of Pittsburg asks for the next Republican Convention because the party was born there. If she secures it the fact will suggest some comparisons and contrasts.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch,

Is the friends of Cincinnati for the Reublican National Convention can "get out a full vote" in the committee it is altogether likely that the Queen City will receive the prize.-Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

NEW YORK may succeed in getting the Renublican National Convention, but in the present uncertain condition of her water supply it would be unreasonable to ask the nists to assemble there.-Philadel phia Public Ledger.

UNDOUBTEDLY the holding of the convention in St. Louis would give a boom to the Republican party in this locality which esteemed King of Siam has ever deemed worthy to wear the decoration of the Sacred would add tens of thousands to its vote in Missouri and the adjoining States in the Halderman, of Kansas, who shares this Presidental canvass .- St. Louis Globe-Demo recious privilege with Edwin Arnold and

THE attitude of Chicago regarding national convention is, according to the Times of that city, "one of modest merit," Then Chicago may as well be counted out Such an attitude as that is the very reverse of the one which has won all her victories When Chicago relies upon "modest merit" she will get nothing .- St. Louis Republic.

## Peace to Its Ashes.

Kansas City Times.] The people's party hasn't enough people in it to support two political parties with widely diverging views. It seems that the Indianapolis Convention was determined to be in at the death. Anyway, peace to the ashes of the once formidable Alliance. Indian

November.

Now an opalescent veiling Crowns the hills: the dead leaves sailing On the streams do tell the failing Autumn tide.

Frosts have wrought their old destruction; Gnats are powerigss for suction; And the pumpkin vine's production

Now is pled. Later truck the wains are freighting: "Spoons" at fireside tete-a-tete-ing: Harvest parties congregating

In the barns. ring now are bush and briar; Egg quotations getting higher; While at barroom stoves the liar Spins his yarns.

Golden tears the willow's wceping: Russet leaves thro' laneways sweeping: "Tabby" near the hearthstone sleeping

On the rug. Snows their flurry feats are trying; And the farmer, rest espying, Seeks his every-satisfying Cider jug.

w that the delay under the Cleveland Administration in deciding the space for a stage to accommodate a chorus of 200 or 300." pending applications in the telephon was due to Attorney General Garland and

Repairs Needed at the Library.

his interest in the Pan-Electric Company. It is stated on good authority that consid-The new House of Representatives will have t chance to investigate this matter. No rable repairs will have to be made upon library building if the damage done during last winter is not to be repeated on a more matter how the delay was caused, the laws should be changed to prevent the recurrence of such a scandal.—Philadelphia Press. disastrous scale. Last winter after the heavy snow storms the work of clearing the This country furnishes nearly 80 per cent roof of the music hall occasioned much of the raw cotton supply, and it is estimated that the world's consumption this year will trouble and expense. The snow drifted reach 12,024,000 bales. In the crop year of there more than once to the extent of many wagon loads, and had to be shoveled off as 1878-79 the world's consumption of raw cotton quickly as possible, for it soaked through the roof and rained the freecoing of the hall. It is said that the specifications de manded that the tiles should be cemented, but they were not and the roof has alway: leaked. The roof ought to be repainted at once. Another thing that must be done be fore the big blizzards come along is to pro-

tect the skylight of the entaloguing room. Last winter a mass of snow slid down from the library roof upon this skylight, broke the gluss and overwheimed a fair entaloguer and the books on the tables. The roof is not provided with a large enough gutter to pre-vent such avalanches and the best way to ROGER Q. MILLS came clear from Texas to help on the Democratic cause in. New Engprotect the avalanches, and the best way to protect the skylight below would be to set up a gridiron of iron to break and scatter land, and now the New England Democratic representatives in Congress are inclined to drop him as a candidate for Speaker. What the snow. This will probably be done.

## The Man Between the Acts.

A little girl went to the theater for the first time last Saturday afternoon, and what astonished her more than DeWolf Hopper's clowning, the visions of Siamese scenery, or even the elephants that was not "a really elephant," and yet so like one, was the exodus of men between the acts. "Where are they all going?" she asked her

risk of precedence. As yet, however, their are no signs of successful combination mother. against him. Mr. Crisp follows closest to "To see a man, my dear," her mother re-

his heels among his competitors, but Mr. plied. This puzzled the little maid for a moment, and then she said: "Will they all bring him Mills' friends are confident and see no reason for doubt of his success.-Philadelphia Record. back?"

"Yes, dear-I think they will," and luckily something else attracted the young observer and her mother was not compelled to ex-plain the unexplainable. WE do not see how the patriotic Democratic Congressmen of Massachusetts can afford to compromise with Mr. Mills for a

# LANGUAGES IN THE SCHOOLS.

If One Is Taught, Others May Be Asked for

by the People. Church Work.]

Teaching German in the public schools may be comparatively trifling, looking at it from only a financial point of view, but when we consider it in connection with the political results which may follow such a nationalities precedent-that all foreign may demand, and have a right to demand. like treatment at the hands of the State, it behooves us to move with greatest caution The Germans are, and always have been foremost in patriotism and love for this

Mills has infirmities of temper which render Their devotion to the Nation and country. him a decidedly unsuitable man for the the State in which they live, cannot be ques-Speakership. Judge Crisp is a much more desirable man for that place, and his opintioned; but when they view this subject in the proper way, and realize the fact that ions on financial questions render him more what may be a safe measure in their hands nearly a faithful representative of the real might become a dangerous experiment wishes of his party. The public wants to get business done, first of all, and a clearshould other nationalities attemnt it and succeed, they will say, "Hands off, we want no French, no Bohemians, no Germans, no Italians, as such, in this country; but we want a Nation, containing all these, but all American citizens, speaking one language, having one political faith of Justice and Freedom, alike for all."

# Mosby, the Noted Guerilla Chief.

Baltimore American.] The noted Confederate cavalryman, Col. John S. Mosby, is in Washington. People who have pictured the daring raider as a stalwart chieftain, ferocious and grim-vis aged, would be disappointed in hi ppearance. He is not over medium build and weight, though heavier now than when he figured as a combatant. He is in the best of health and vigorons as a youth. His eyes are plercing blue and his hair snow-white. He wears no beard. The Colonel dres neat, business-like costume, but the slouch hat tells of his Southern antecedents. He has been a citizen of San Francisco ever since giving up his consular office at Hong Kong, and is one of the attorneys of the Southern Pacific Railroad

that 32 grains of wheat, taken from the that 32 grains of wheat, taken from the middle of the car, or head, and well dried, should make a pennyweight, 20 of which should make an ounce, while 12 ounces were to make a pound. The pound, therefore con-sisted then of 7,650 grains. Some centuries later the pennyweight was divided into 24 grains, which make the troy pound, as now used, 5,760 grains. used, 5,760 grains.

-The postage stamp will be 52 years old in May of next year. Its inventor was a printer, James Chalmers, of Dundee, Scot-land, who died in 1853. England, 52 years ago, introduced the new system of prepar ing letter postage, and according to a decree of December 21, 1839, issued the first stamps, which were to be put before the public on May 6 of the following year, as noted above. A year later they were introduced in the United States and Switzerland; and within three years had become common in Bavaria, Balejum and France. Belgium and France.

-A Yakima, Wash., artesian well is exhibiting most peculiar characteristics. The drill was sent down 290 feet, when work was suspended, awaiting casing, owing to a pheomenon which cannot be accounted Sometimes there is a suction, and sometimes a blast of air from the well. One day a piece a binst of air from the well. One day a piece of paper placed over the hole would be drawn down, while the next it would be sent flying into the air. That an air chamber has been struck there is little question, but the varying mood of the wind is what is puzzing those who are interested.

-The "African pumpkin" or gamhen, is very different from the well known American fruit of that name, being a tree with a short but abnormally thick trunk, but it is of the pompion family to which belong the melons. The trunk grows about 14 feet high, with a diameter of from 3 to 6 feet. Th rind is white as chalk and perfectly smooth, and the clumsy trunks among the green shrubbery look more like marble columns tnan anything else. These plants attain a wonderful age; Wellstedt reports having wonderini age; weilstedt reports naving found at Kadhub, not far from Tamarid, in the bark of a gamhen trunk an Arabian in-scription bearing the date of 1640. The wood is not solid and compact like that of the trees we know, but all of sap and cuts like a turnip. A penkulfe is sufficient to cut a stairway into the trunk of wgamhen, over which the flowers on the top can be reached.

# COMIC CUTLETS-MOSTLY VEAL

Onenight-We had a fine touch of realism at the play last night; did you notice it ? Futilites-No; what was it? Openight-The applause was genuine. Day-The saying "Dead men tell no

tales" isn't true any more. Weeks-Since when ?

Day-Since the magazines began salting M and waiting for the author to die .- New Herald.

SPADES THE FINAL TRUMPS. "What are trumps in the game of life?" I asked of all in the busy strife. "Hearts," said the malden, shy and sweet, With happy eyes and blushes fleet. The society belle smiled scornfully: "Hearts for you, but diamonds for me." "Clubs," drawled the blase man of the world, Drifting down stream with his sails all furied The grave digger laughed as he piled his trade : "Spades are the final trumps," he said. -Baltimore America

Juvenile Johnny, having had the meaning of the phrase "multum in parvo" amply ex-plained to him, and being called upon to give an liustratio illustration, replied with great enthusias baby, just after dinner."-Boston Courie

Rounds-Have you any family tie? Chapple-Oh, ya-as. I have thwee oh foah that I let my sistaw and youngaw brothaw weah some-

"Do you believe in love in a cottage?

he asked, foudly. "I am willing to," she replied, in a businest tone, "without putting the experiment to a test." -Harper's Basar.

Nassau-Why did you leave Dr. Flipshey's church? Beekman-He introduced the new high church

idea of kneeling-and my tailor positively refused to give me any more credit. - Brookiyn Engle.

"Mr. Candbeefe, of Chicago, has broken his ongagement with Miss Minerys Emerson, of "For what reason ?"

"He heard that she was very familie body named Browning," New York Pres inr with some

beaded and self-controlled Speaker will be much more likely to get some real work out of a Democratic House .- New Yark Tribune. Secondary Value of the Koch Lymph. The famous Koch remedy which has failed in the primary purpose of curing consumption, has

turned out to be by no means useless invention. The fluid can be relia on as a certain means of diagnosing the presence of tuberculosis in horned cattle, on as a control to be a serious of the series of the serie

pose for which the lymph was originally designed.

# simple postponement of the silver issue. As Mr. Mills is supposed to have the Democratic party by the tail, the Massachusetts patriots ought to compel him to kill the issue at once and forever .- Atlanta Constitution. THE New York Times, the Boston Herald and the Springfield Republican, three news-papers which are Mugwumps because they are free traders, have declared for Mr. Mills for Speaker. When we have heard from

"Larry" Godkin, of the Evening Post, that the true interests of the Democracy require the election of the free trade and income tax crank to the post held by Kerr, Randall and Carlisle, the polls will be closed. Ah no! there is the Providence Journal to hear from -New York Sun. In the judgment of most Republicans, Mr.

was 7,485,230 bales of 400 pounds, whereas the consumption had increased last year to 12,896,328 bales, a gain in twelve years of 5,411,028 bales, or over 72 per cent. Manifestly the nolicy of encouraging home manufact ures has had more to do with the prosperity of the South than the free-traders ar willing to admit .- San Francisco Call.

# THE SPEAKERSHIP RACE.

THE St. Louis Republic save: "Mr. Mills

represents the common sense of the Demo-

cratic party." The party has not of late years got much of that into its platforms.

The question won't turn on "common sense"

-but how much Tammany does Mills rep-

MR. MILLS has the lead, and runs the usual

resent?-Chicago Inter-Ocean.