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THE GIFT OF FRANCHISES.

The West End Street Railway ordinance went through Councils with little difficulty yesterday. The opposition by West Enders to the occupancy of both the thoroughfares of that quarter by a single corporation was met by the argument that, as competing lines always ended in consolidation, it was hardly worth while to keep streets open for that consideration.

The history of street railway enterprises in Pittsburg gives a good deal of foundation to the premise thus laid down, but there is room for disputing the conclusion. As the matter seems to be settled, however, we will not do more than suggest that if Councils had not exhibited such facility in granting all available rights of way to engrossing corporations the tendency to consolidation might not be so overwhelming.

But that point can be waived in view of snother more cogent one. The difficulty of impressing on the Councilmanic mind the means of preserving competition in service on its public highways seems to be insuperable; but the impossibility of showing what a revenue should be reserved to the city ought not to be so absolute. Since the conditions so clearly affirm that the influence of competition in bringing down the charges to the public is to be abolished there is the stronger reason why the enormously valuable franchises granted traction companies should have been made to yield some return on their valuation on public revenue. The best evidence as to the value of these franchises is the appraisement which the corporations themselves put on them in their capitalizatinn. When we find by this measure that the city has given millions to the traction companies without securing any public revenue worth mentioning, the shortsightedness of the policy which has governed these grants is self-evident.

There was never an example of the failure of municipal methods to protect public interests more striking in its way than the record of the grant of street railway franchises in Pittsburg during the past few years. The franchise granted yesterday offered a good opportunity for turning over a new leaf; but perhaps it would not be reasonable to expect Conncils to go back on its own precedents.

taining high prices. It is not an attack on law in question. "The maxim of Major protection, therefore. It is a defense of it Grant," says the Sun, "applies only to cases wherein the persons affected by the abolish duties where the protected industries have fallen under monopolistic bad law have the power to repeal it. It control.

does not apply to the case of such a law as the excise law in New York City, But while the underlying principle of the proposed move would be indisputable which was enacted at Albany without reby sincere protectionists, the way of carrygard to the wishes of the people of this city, and which can be repealed by no ing it out is wrong. To apply it by a effort of theirs." series of separate bills attacking each trust by itself would not decide the As these remarks are made concerning question by the general principle. It an act of the Legislature that the saloons must stop the sale of liquor on election would be leaving the decision to the friend-

day the characterization of it by the Sun ship or enmity of Congressmen to each individual trust. There is great danger presents a novel view to the people of that Democratic Congressmen might, Pennsylvania. As this State has had such a law for years, and as it has been for the where combinations with Democratic most part accepted by all except the affiliations were at stake, repeat their atti-"dive" element among the liquor interest, tude with regard to the Sugar Trust-that it throws a new light on the unhappy situthe little revenue duty of 80 odd per cent, under which no refined sugar at all was ation. We thus discover that Pennsylimported, ought not to be disturbed. Of vania has been suffering under "a bad law," and the local liberties of our cities course, Republican Congressmen would exhibit the same amiable weakness, but have been infringed upon by the general statute, for a generation, and not a creature as the move is presented as a Democratic knew it! one, it is pertinent to suggest the possi-Even this novel view is equaled by the bility that if any tariff legislation could be

devised to attack the Standard Oil Trust the friends of the William C. Whitney boom would be of opinion that the gigan tic prototype of combinations was really no trust at all. There is but one way of applying this

tive power of the saloon-keepers of New principle impartially and unsparingly, and York is indisputable. that is to enact into a general statute the principle that a protective duty shall not be used to protect monopolies. It is not necessary to abolish any duties at all or leave the decision of whether alleged combinations are real monopolies to the log mark, France and Portugal, that it is the cor rolling and wire pulling of Congress. The rect thing to "count a quorum." This is re-garded as vindicating Reed, but unfortundecision whether an industry is monopolized or not should be left to be settled ately there is an authority far more con lusive so far as Mr. Reed is concerned. That by evidence in the courts; and this can be is the declaration of one Thomas B. Reed on effectively done by a simple enactment the floor of the House that the right of the making it a legal defense for any imminority to break a quorum by abstaining porter against the collection of his duties from voting is one of the safeguards of repif he can show in the courts that the doresentative and popular government. mestic industry with which his imports come in competition is monopolized or conous in Council proceedings yesterday-by its absence. All right, if it remains that way. trolled by a trust, combination or agree ment to suppress competition, artificially But it would have done no harm for Coun

enhance prices or restrict production. Such a measure could not logically be pposed by sincere free traders or honest otectionists. It could only be opposed by the legislative agents of the trusts for the adequate reason that as soon as such a

law is passed the trusts in protected industries must make haste to wipe themselves completely out of existence.

THE CORN CORNER.

An illustration of the blind way in Committee meeting the representatives of New York, Detroit, San Francisco and Omaha each insisted that their respective which the goddess Fortune distributes her speculative favors is found in the state States were in danger if the convention was not located there is taken by Democratic organs to indicate the parlous prospect of Republicanism in these sections. If the ment that the corn cornerers now squeez ing the market are the same clique that opposed the attempt of Deacon White to corner the market in September and declarations are to be taken excathedra. profited by his failure. The good Brookthey must be admitted to cast a cloud on th Republican outlook until equivalent repre lyn Deacon can solace himself by the entations before the Democratic National knowledge that his failure was due to the Committee make things even. fact that he was in advance of his timesixty days in advance. If he had cornered HICKS promises us that during Decem corn in November he could have been a ber we shall have a variation between cold great financial power; but he tried to wave; and rainy thaws. This gives us a good hops that we may be favored with steady and pleasant weather. It is usually corner it in September and he is number-

among the lame ducks. Of course, the public aspects of Deacon White's corner are identical with those of the present manipulation, except that the former failed and hurt himself more than anyone else, while the latter, if it holds decisive engagement. At the proper time through to-day, will squeeze the short interest to a very liberal extent. As a

moral result, the failure to injure and im-NEW YORK plames herself on having repoverish others is less obnoxious than the sumed her normal water consumption of about one hundred gallons daily per capita. successful accomplishment of that purpose; but in this case the men who suc-Meantime Pittsburg goes on using about 1:0 i will take rank as great one that class of business which makes it the objective point to get the money of others without giving value received. The press is inclined to proffer to the

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1891.

THE DECEMBER SKIES.

five Times the Moon Will Show Her Full Round Face, While Lovely Venus Steals from Jupiter His Evening Glory-A Partial Eclipse of the Sun.

-The sun enters the sign of Capricornus on December 21, and, astronomically speak-ing, winter then begins. The sun then touches his furthest limit in southern delination, 23º 27', the days are at their shortest, and from that time onward for a period of six months the shadows of night no longencroach on the light of day. The pat of the sun lies so low in the heavens that the short days seem to hasten gloomily to their close, and it will be well into the new year before it becomes apparent that the sun is again approaching us, says the New fork Times.

There will be a partial eclipse of the sun n Wednesday, invisible in this portion of the globe, and, in fact, it so happens that the collpse takes place between the space occupied by the far southern countries of South America and the northern coast of Australia, and so will be visible to but very ew of the world's inhabitants. It lasts a little more than three hours and a half, during which somewhat more than one-half of the sun's disk will be obscured. This por aive confession of the Sun that if the ion of the earth will be more fortunate next subject of excise regulation were placed in year, for at the time of the partial collpse in October it will be within the limits of the jurisdiction of city legislation the metropolitan saloon-keepers would have isibility.

the power to promptly repeal the obnox-The new moon comes in bright and early ious statute. On this showing the legislathe morning of the 1st. Although, speaking after the reckoning by which astronomical data are compiled, there were five phases o the moon last month, when it is considered in the time by which events are usually measured the phase of new moon lapses over from November 30 to December 1. This will ing with much gusto the declarations of presiding officers in such undemocratic therefore, give five phases of the moon for countries as Germany, Italy, Sweden, Den-December, and as the new moon comes in on the 30th and is but a day old when the year closes, the epact for 1891 will be one. When the Moon is Full.

-The question has been asked as to the

difference between those phases of the moor in which a portion of its disk is apparently hidden and its disappearance while eclipsed. Recent articles have told about the moon passing into the shadow caused by the earth's cutting on the sun's light. While the whole of the sun is always bright, half of the moon is always in darkness. When of the moon is always in darkness. When the bright side of the moon is turned directly toward the earth, a complete circle may be seen, and it is said that the moon is at the full. On other occasions a portion only of the bright surface is turned toward the carth, and thus are produced the beautiful crescents and semicircles and other plases of the moon. cils to have put themselves on record that they would offer no insuperable obstacle

crescents and senicircles and other phases of the moon. Suppose a case that may aid in clearing up this matter and, for example, take a neep through the eyes of the man in the moon and see how he views the earth. To him the earth probably appears the same as the moon does to the earth's inhabitants, only very much larger. At the period called new moon, the bright side of the earth will be turned directly toward him, so that he will see an earth nearly tall, and, consequently, pouring forth a flood of light. Think of the brightest of all the bright moonlights ever seen, and then try and think of what it would be if there were 18 moons, all as large and as brilliant as the full moon, shining to gether. In accounting for the remarkable savings f the "war lord" of the German empire, questionable balance of the imperial judg-THE fact that at the Republican National

rether. That is about the sort of illumination

That is about the sort of illumination which the lunar individual will enjoy under the circumstances. The earth-lighted side of the moon naturally cannot be compared in brilliancy with the sun-lighted side, but the brightness will still be perceptible, so that when from the earth one looks at the moon he sees this glow distributed all over the dark portion; that is, he observes the feedly-lighted globe clasped in the brilliant arms of the crescent. At a later phase the dark part of the moon entirely ceases to be visible, and this for a double reason; first, the bright side of the earth is then not so fully turned to the moon, and therefore the illumination it receives from earthshine is not so great, and secondly, the increasing size of the sun-lighted part of the moon has such an aug-mented glow that the fainter light is over-powered by contrast. A Rival for Jupiter.

A Rival for Juniter.

-In December Jupiter will no longer shine unrivaled as the most conspicuous planet in the evening skies. A rival is coming into view that will eventually down the giant and wrest from him the sovereignty

that he has wielded for so many weeks. Fait Venus has already emerged from her long seclusion within the sun's rays, and may be sectusion within the sun's rays, and may be seen serencly shining in the sunset's glow by those who are blessed by a keen power of vision. She is now only an hour behind the sun, but the distance is gradually increasing, and will continue to do so until May, when, having gotten to the end of her travels in that direction, she will begin retracing her steps. She promises, however, to be larger, and will continue to do so until any, when, having gotten to the end of her travels in that direction, she will begin retravels in the possible, more beautiful the coming year than and has been during the past 12 . Jupiter on the 1st will have approached within 90° of the sun, or will be on that date in what is known as quadrature. From this it can be seen that it has taken the planet almost a year to pass over one-quarter of the path in which it moves, as in February he was in opposition, or 180° from the sun. It will be a matter of great interest from this on during the clear, bright, crisp winter evenings to witness the gradual coming together of the two rivals—Jupiter and Venus. Their meeting occurs early in February, when the two will be very close together, and the tableau will be well worth braving the frosty air to view. On December 7, just before quartering, the moon and difference in declination separating the two will detract very much from the brilliancy or the meeting. . Surf is morning star, and his sereno light will be seen shining softly in the cast-re sky at about the time the society devo-tes is returning home from his nightly of the winter solstice, Saturn and the sun are in quadrature. One might very naturally and Jupiter were close togetier during the fuel of gayety. On the 21st, at the time of the sun and almost 180° apart. On the soft her sun and almost 180° apart. On the soft her sun and almost 180° apart. On the soft her sun and almost 180° apart. On the soft her would not he interest sometimes at tached to these events, as the distance be-tween the two is too great. . Mara a Morning Star.

STRAY STATE TOPICS.

A Big Poultry County.

Waynesburg Bepublican.] Greene county cuts quite a figure when it mes to supplying the poultry market. On Monday about 6,000 pieces of poultry were Monday about 6,000 pieces of poultry were shipped over the Waynesburg and Washing-ton Railroad. Tuesday morning it is esti-mated the train carried 25,550 pieces, several extra cars being attached to the regular train for this purpose. Tuesday evening about 5,000 more pieces were shipped, mak-ing a total of over 38,000 pieces.

themums stood in the middle. A small din ing room opening from this larger one was reserved for the orchestra, which Better drainage, through the construction more sewers. The Belt Line. The Reading terminal. Elevated railroads. Elevated railroads. New steamship lines. The Bourse. The Trades League. The proposed wharf and deck company. Improvements to the river and harbor. Development of the shipyard at League sland.

creek. These fish were sent out by Hon. Marshall McDonald, United States Fish Commissioner, and were consigned to R. W. Short, of Mechanicsburg, Secretary of the

in continuous trade in Crawford county, W L. Robinson began business at that place in the fall of 1845 and is still at it. Who can beat it?-Ez. Mercer comes to the rescue and cites Mr. John G. Kline, who has been in the harness business at the same stand since early in 1843, or over 45 years, and the signs are good over 45 years, and the signs are good for an indefinite continuance. Who can beat this?-Mercer Dispatch. Butler can go one better. Louis Stein, senior member of the firm of L. Stein & Son, opened a dry-goods store here in the spring of E40 and has been continuously engaged in this business ever since. He is now 82 years old and still attends to customers. Who can beat this? Budler Eagle. We believe Zelienopie is en-titled to go one better than Butler. Mr. C. S. Fassavant, of this place, was in business in Fittsourg with John D. Pavis in 1857, and has been continuously engaged in business at Zelienople since 1841.-Zeitenople News.

Presented to District of Columbia Com

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.-[Special.]-A cu-rious and possibly unique petition against the sale of liquor in the District reached the District Commissioners to-day. It is signed by 140 inmates of the workhouse and reads

"We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, temporarily residing in the Washington City Asylum, commonly called the workhouse, would respectfully but most earnestly pray your honors not to grant any more liquor licenses. We have been informed from high authority, and we fully believe from our own observation, that the

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

But Dine Amicably at the Hotel Ken--An inch of rain means 100 tons to the mawr-The Men and Their Speeches at Last Night's Banquet-Mention Made of

DOCTORS DON'T DIFFER,

Matters of Moment.

-If you have a half dollar of 1838 with an "O" above the date you can get \$12 for it. The physicians of the city, represented in -One hundred and eighty millions of the Pittsburg Academy of Medical Sciences tons of coal were mined in Great Britain last

held their second annual dinner last night vear. -Electric headlights of about 2,500 candle and used the large dining room of the Kenmawr for that purpose. The room had been prepared with a garb of flowers and foliage. power are now in general use on the rail-roads in Indiana.

The flowers were confined to the center of the table, where they formed a Greek cross, A tall vase filled with Lillian Bird chrysan--In Corfu sheets of paper pass for money: one sheet buys one quart of rice, or 20 sheets a piece of hemp cloth.

-In the province of Silesia, Germany, there are at present 20 pedigree herds of red cattle, consisting of 1,910 head.

throughout the entire dinner. It only ceased when the coffee, wine and cigars came, bringing the speeches with them. This was the order round the table: Dr. R. W. Stewart as -New Jersey and New York elect their Governors for three years; and of the other 42 States 19 choose their Governors for four

President of the Academy and toastmas-ter sat at the head of the table. On each side were his colleagues and several dis-tinguished men in other professions, who -The "Imperial" diamond which was recently purchased by the Nizam of Hydera-bad from a London dealer is valued at \$1.ad been complimented by an invitation

-The temple of Hom-mon-ji, at Inkegami, begun in 1282, and finished in 1207, is one of the most famous religious structures in Japan.

-A solar disturbance lasting 15 minutes, in which vapors ascended to a distance of 80,000 miles, was recently observed by astronomers.

-To save the finger-nails an ingenious fellow has invented a pocket-knife, the blades of which are made to open by touchng a spring.

-The development of the cotton seed oil industry has been so great that it has supplanted the famous olive tree product in a majority of cases.

-Telephones are put in the houses of Stockholm, Sweden, at a rent of \$2 75 a year each. For each call, however, there is a charge of 2% cents extra.

-It is believed that there are 1,800 professional women painters, sculptors and engravers in Paris, besides those who live by painting menus, fans, etc.

-Liverpool is the largest shipping port in the world; then comes London, and then New York. New York stands second to London, however, as a general commercial city.

Sciences," Dr. Theodore Diller. Law, medi-cine and theology were all represented. The gathering broke up about midnight, the guests congratulating the hosts upon its thoroughly agreeable entertainment, and the society responding flatteringly upon the merits of those outsiders, who had broken bread with it. -The first German Court of Justice has merits of those outsiders, who had broken bread with it. The academy has been in existence for two years and a half, and has twice dined publicly. Its officers are: Dr. R. W. Stewart, President: Dr. Stnart Patterson, First Vice President: Dr. W. H. Mercur, Second Vice President: Dr. L. J. Moyer, Recording Secre-tary: Dr. S. O. Brumbaugh, Corresponding Secretary: Dr. C. O. Goulding, Treasurer. There is a meeting on every Monday even-ing, when papers are read and intricate cases, coming under the personal supervis-ion of members, are discussed. held a session in Helgoland. The calendar was a blank. The clerk registered the fact that the court met and adjourned and all was over.

-An oil painting owned in Philadelphia, shows, it is claimed, that the first man to wear russet shoes in America was Christopher Columbus; that, in fact, he landed in them. -There are more women in British India

(124,000,000) than there are men, we men an children in Great Britain, France and Germany put together, with the population of several minor states cast in as well.

-In Germany 5,500,000 women earn their living by industrial pursuits; in Eng-land, 4,000,000; in France, 3,750,000; in Austria-Hungary about the same, and America, in-cluding all occupations, something over 2, 700 000

-It is estimated that the treasure lying idle in India in the shape of hoards of orna-ments amounts to £250,000,000. A competent authority calculates that in Amrista City alone there are jewels to the value of £200,-00,000

-Printer's ink is now made from crude petroleum in Ventura county, Cal. It is prepared at small expense. The manufacturers are now engaged in experiments to refine it. If these prove successful, it will supersede the inks now in use.

-The Russian standing army consists of 410,952 infantry, 84,925 cavalry, 67,976 artillery, 19,325 engineers, and 35,180 ordnance, a total of 619,178 enlisted men and 28,000 officers. The Cossack strength in peace, besides the Cossacks in the above total, is 19.445; there are 72,634 officers and men of the reserve and 105,000 officers and men of the local and anx illary forces, a total, that is, of about 814,000 officers and men. The war footing is 2,220,798 combatants, officers and men.

-The red hat was first bestowed upon cardinals by Leo IV. at the Council of Lyons, in 1245. It is probable that as red was in the Middle Ages a royal color, worn only by kings and members of royal families, hats and gowns of this color were bestowed on cardinals to indicate that thenceforth they would rank with kings and princes. A cardinal is popularly styled a prince of the church, and in mediaval times the Pope's, legate often took precedence even of royalty

-Fireflys of the large kind and high

lighting power that abound in St. Domingo

for lighting purposes, being confined in lan-

-A wonderful example of patience in the

Chinese is afforded by a consular report dealing with the manufacture of salt in Cen-

tral China. Holes about six inches in

diameter are bored in the rock by means of

a primitive form of iron drill, and some-

times a period of 40 years elapses before the

times a period of 40 years elapses before the coveted brine is reached, so that the work is carried on from one generation to another. During this time the boring, as may be imagined, goes down to an immense depth. When brine is found it is drawn up in bam-

boo tubes by a rope working over a large drum turned by bullocks. The brine is evaporated in iron cauldrons, the heat being

-One of the earliest excitements about

the "nude in art" arose over Michael Ange

lo's cartoons in the Sistine Chapel, in Rome,

some of the figures in which were afterward

draped by another hand-that of Volterra. When the decoration of the chapel was

supplied by natural gas, which is gene found in the vicinity of the salt wells.

Philadelphia's Pressing Needs. Public Ledger.] A better water supply. Improved pavements. More schools.

The removal of grade crossings. The boulevard to the park. Opening of new city parks.

The construction of a new Mint.

Five thousand red-eyed perch have been planted in the waters of the Conodoguinet Short, of Mechanicsburg, Secretary of the Game and Fish Association, under whose direction they were distributed. The intro-duction of this fish in our waters is a matter of public interest, and Mr. Short deserves great credit for the great zeal he displays in securing from the United States Fish Com-mission edible and game fish for Cumberland county streams. The red-eyed perch is both hardy and gamey.

Where Is the Oldest Merchant?

Conneautville claims the oldest merchant

TWO PECULIAR PETITIONS

sioners by Workhouse Inmates.

thus:

just after he has fallen. Those representing the British soldiers were Messrs. Blume, Kuniz, Guckert, Walker, Demer, Studer, Bruce, Reis, Murray, G. Guckert, Lloyd, Kemmel, Covell and Moyer. The home force is represented by Messrs. Golden, Kirk, Little, Starkey, Gow, Lydick, Anson, Triber, Menen, Beck, Cozzens, Moore, Armour, Marks, Eichenlaub and Jones. The British will wear the familiar red cont and white knee broeches, wigs and three-cornered hats. The Colonists, blue coats and buff breeches. This scene is not unlike a great painting concealed from view. The and bull breeches. This weene is not unlike a great painting concealed from view. The quartette choir of the Church of the Ascen-sion, composed of Messra. E. H. Dermitt, M. Huntsiger, Mrs. John F. Wilcox, and Miss Ella Semple will sing the song entitled "The Sword of Bunker Hill." This is one of the The following new books are on the

believe from our own observation, that the curse of the Lord Almighty rests upon the drunkard, and woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunken. It is our earnest desire to overcome the shame and disgrace to which intoxicating drink has, directly or indirectly, brought us, and to sgain to become worthy and law-abiding cit-izens. To this end we ask for honest em-ployment and fair wages and that all places izens. To this end we ask for honest em-ployment and fair wages, and that all places of licensed temptation and ruh may be for ever banished from the capital of the na-tion. We therefore beseech you to aid us by granting this, our prayer." The following petition is subjoined, the signers being the mission workers in the Washington Asylum: "In the name of Our Master the Blessed Lord and Saylor we Amand.

The complete list of guests were: Brum-baugh, Brockerhoff, Edsall, Eaton, Goulding, Henderson, Day, Diller, Ward, Stewart, ing, Henderson, Day, Diller, Ward, Stewart, Small, Patterson, Pettitt. Myers, Litchfield, Mercur, Lincola, Scott, Moyer, Dravo, Tay: lor, Douthett; Rev. George Hodges, Drs. Mc-Cann, Murdoch, C. B. King, McKeivey-Chancellor Holland, of the Western Univer-sity of Pennsylvania; Drs. T. D. Davis, Mc-Neil, Williams, Daly, LeMoyne, Joseph Dickson, Werder, McKennan, Nelan: Messrs. George, Foster, English, Lange, Hope, Koe-nig, Shaw, Dr. Lippincott and Dr. Ayres, Dr. Anderson, of Mansfield, Pa. Dinner was served at 9 o'clock, and by 10:30 the menn had been pretty thoroughly mas-tered. Then Dr. Stewart laid aside tempor-arily the presidentship and became toast-master. The programme was opened with the annual address by Dr. Eaton, who thought haws against quacks should be more severe. The other toasts responded to were as follows: "Our Guests," Dr. J. B. Mur-doch: "The Clergy," Chancellor Holland; "The County Medical Society," President T. D. Davis: "The Law," Mr. H. L. Goehring; "The Medical Profession," Dr. James Mc-Cann; "The Pittsburg Academy of Medical Sciences," Dr. Theodore Diller. Law, medi-cine and theology were all represented. The asthering broke un about midnight, "The Science of the programme construction of Medical Sciences," Dr. Theodore Diller. Law, medi-cine and theology were all represented. Small, Patterson, Pettitt, Myers, Litchfield

Stocking Fishing Streams. Caritsle Herald.]

PHILANTBROPIC INVESTMENTS.

The idea of subscriptions to railway enterprises as a contribution to charity is a modern one. Perhaps some of the early subscribers to railway stocks in this country may think that their contributions should be ranked in that class, in view of the utter disappearance of their interests under subsequent manipulations But even if they made the subscriptions without the expectation of direct returns the money was invested to advance their interests and improve their commercial situation. One quarter of the world, however, presents the aspect of railway subscriptions for purely philanthropic purposes

This is in the railway projected to pierce the interior of Africa. Some of the people in these projects may be pursuing their own fortune; but many a subscription has been made from purely benevolent impulses. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has given \$25,000 for the survey of a railroad from the Indian Ocean to the Victoria Nyanza, Stephenson, the Scottish millionaire, has contributed largely to the railroad from Lake Nyassa to Lake Tanganvika, of which forty miles are in operation, and we can, while doubting Mr. C. P. Huntington's disinterestedness in his American railway projects, credit his large subscription to the Congo railway scheme to a desire to see trade and civilization open up the vast stretches of that great river. Every steamboat except one on the African lakes, and most of those on the Congo, are the fruit of either public or

private generosity. The exhibition of such philanthropic impulses is gratifying, as is also the assured fact that in spite of discouragement and difficulty the work of civilizing Africa is making steady progress. But the immediate direction of the efforts referred to makes it pertinent to suggest that the philanthropic donors should take measuses to guard the future Africa against the civilized evils of stock watering, manipulation, pools and preferential rates.

TRUSTS AND TARIFF ACTS.

The proposition has been made by the St. Louis Republic that the Democrats in the coming Congress shall abandon the policy of general tariff agitation and make attacks on trust monopolies by separate bills reducing or abolishing duties which protect such trusts. This proposition meets with opposition by the Philadelphia Press, which, while not enthusiastically endorsing the McKinley bill, thinks it should be given a fair trial.

Both views have a foundation of right and both arrive at a very wrong conclu-' sion. There would be no attack on the principle of protection represented by the act of 1890 in the policy of breaking up attempts to monopolize or control domestic industries by reducing the tariff so long as combination holds. THE DISPATCH has frequently shown that this is a defense of the genuine purpose of protection. Protection is established for the sake of reducing prices by the competition of domestic producers. This principle was declared by Major McKinley and his associates in the protective policy from one end of the country to the other as the keynote of the protective policy. But the combinations and trusts seek to defeat that pur-

people caught in the corner this advice: "Don't sell what you have not got." Selling what you have not got, and under these circumstances, is just as bad as buying what you do not intend to use. But as both are simply methods of betting on the fluctuations of the market, the advice should be the impartial and sufficient injunction: "Don't gamble."

PLAIN TALK TO HOME RULERS.

The action of a conference of leading Irishmen in New York ought, if anything can induce the quarreling factions of the Home Rule party to subordinate their differences, to produce that effect. Indeed, such an outspoken and forcible statement of the case is to be taken as a last resort to bring the snarling leaders to a realizing sense of their situation.

The meeting, under the auspices of the Irish National League, frankly warned the people of Ireland that no further sup port, moral or financial, can be expected from this country, "until they call a halt in the war of factions and reunite the forces now engaged in the work of self-destruction." This is very plain talk, but it comes from a source which must impress itself on the Home Rule leaders.

The United States has been the financial backbone of the Home Rule fight from the first and, so long as its contributions were applied by a united party for the support of the cause, has never failed to respond to any emergency. But when the Irish leaders forgot the purpose of their party in order to gratify personal bitterness the Irish-American public is no longer to be counted on as furnishing the sinews for such warfare. It is alike impossible to induce the public to contribute for the

support of mere faction, and improper for anyone to endeavor to collect such donations. So long as the quarrels of the Home Rule leaders are kept up the United States as the backer of the party is a dead factor.

It is to be hoped that this plain statement of the case will induce the Irish leaders to promotly and thoroughly cast their quarrels aside and devote their efforts entirely to the realization of the purpose for which their party was founded. But it remains to be proved whether the vice of placing factional spite above nasional welfare, which has injured Ireland to many times before, may not wreck the cause this time just as it seems on the eve

of success. AN UNSUSPECTED INFLICTION.

The question of the moral status of the man who goes into a saloon, orders a drink under circumstances that make its sale illegal, drinks and pays for it, and then turns around and has the proprietor arrested has been the topic of much debate. The view taken of such an act varies from that of the liquor interest, who regard it as meaner than the proverbial stealing of coppers, to that of the law and order element, who think it one of the highest and holiest functions of mankind. Under such circumstances we tender our heartiest commisseration to the New Yorkers who have had the discussion precipitated upon them in the action of some young men who took that method of testing whether the law was observed

by saloon-keepers on election day. It would be useless to contribute to the already large stock of arguments on the moral issue; but it is striking to find in pose by abelishing competition and main the New York Sun a novel view of the for this purpose the trip is taken.

A PARTY

raises a row when the water is too highly flavored with petroleum. In the water system of the future it may be well for the city to make sure that we have nothing but pure water and that the people who establish the 130-gallon average shall pay for it.

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IT is understood that a card is reserved

for the Forsker forces before the final and

they will fire the political heart by an

attack on the rebel flagroom at Columbu

traries.

REPUBLICAN organs are universally quot

THE Poor Farm purchase was conspica-

the doubt still remains about even between

the potency of the German beer and th

the withdrawal of that option.

PRINCE ALEXANDER, of Bulgaria, married an opera singer, and now it is reported that Napoleon Ives, of Wall street fame, is going to do the same thing. This fact should have its solemn warning to ambitious young women who cherish a dream of going on the stage,

AFTER the experiences of the past two weeks, it is pertinent to suggest to electric companies the cogency of the lesson that neither blizzards nor cyclones interfer with underground wires.

In its comments on the New York scandal the Philadelphia Press sagely remarks that "unwise speculation or theft has been at the bottom of nearly every failure in financial houses this year." Unwise specu lation being the speculation that does not succeed, the moral is obvious, though not especially moral.

WHILE the German Emperor is reform ing European morals let us hope he will not omit to demonstrate the value of his reform atory process by cleaning up the very ques tionable character of some of the families,

In showing the need of encouraging forestry in Pennsylvania the fact that we have sidental timber in this State is certainly suggestive.

PERSONAL NOTES.

THE illness of Edmund Yates is so far ot a dangerous one. GOVERNOR CHASE, of Indiana, is

Campbellite preacher. SIR AMBROSE SHEA, Governor of the Bahamas, is in New York.

MAJOR MCKINLEY arrived at his home in Canton, O., from the East yesterday. He will remain there until the inauguration in January.

REV. DR. JOHN R. PAXTON, of the West Presbyterian Church, is lying seriously ill at home in New York from general debility

and nervous prostration. IT was at Oxford University that Lloyd Bryce formed that friendship for Allen Thorndyke Rice which resulted in his succession to the editorship of the North Ameran Review.

EMPEROR WILLIAM, says a dispatch from Berlin, met the King of Denmark on his arrival at the railway station at Potsdam Saturday. A grand reception was given to the King at the castle.

DOM PEDRO has been granted a pension of \$120,000 per annum, and, on the whole does not come out of Brazil in had form whole, Anyhow, he needn't lose any sleep over the revolutionists spatting at each other.

LORD HAWKE and his cricketers, who are now at their homes in England, have re-cently given expression to the cannibalistic at that Philadelphia girls are nice enough to eat. There is positively no ac nting for tastes.

WHEN the new heir of the house of Astor, John Jacob, sixth, is baptized, that important ceremony will be performed by Bishop Potter and Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, who nly invest him with his historic will solem name in old Trinity.

THE late Lord Lytton, says a cable dispatch from Paris, wasa devoted Spiritualist; that he believed he had communications with Joan of Arc, Balzac and Napoleon, and that he complained that he was always baffied by trying to have access to the spirit of

MRS. DELIA PARNELL and her son John will sail for Ireland on the Majestic to-mor row. It is understood that Mrs. Charles Stewart Parnell has relinquished all her rights to the Avondale estate, and John Par-nell will therefore become the owner. It is

Mars as a Morning Star.

-Mars comes up between three and four hours ahead of the sun, and is a morning star, his location being in the constellation of the Virgin. He is in conjunction with Uranus on the 15th and with the moon on

of the Virgin. He is in conjunction with Uranus on the 15th and with the moon on the 25th. Mars has already increased in size since midsummer, and by the aid of opera glasses one can plainly see him, although he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck. In August he seems but a tiny red speck with the seems of the seems or than he will be for 17 years to come. Mercury plays quite a role in the matter of conjunctions for the month. On the 2d the and on the 5th Venus and the elusive planes and on the 5th Venus and the elusive planes in the tight be morning star. On the 3dth he again meets the moon, and so closes the record of conjunctions for the year. My the set of the eight magnitude only, he is invisible to the unaided vision. The guide to his whereabouts is the bright star Alde-baran, which comes up about surset and is in the V-shaped cluster that rises some little in the V-shaped cluster that rises some little in the bright star that is in a line between Aldebaran and the Polar Star, and which shines almost with the brilliancy of the planets, is Capella. Uranus is morning star, and he also is in the bord little and the moon on the 25th. On this last date, one can therefore form some idea of the planet's whereabouts, as it will be about one degrees to the southward of Luna. The moon's di-amoter is almost one-half of a degree, so the sportsmately view what might be termed the length of the moon.

THE CIGARETTE FIEND.

Once his checks with health were rosy, And he filled out all the clothes he Ever wore in a full and ample style; His remarks were bright and witty To the enappies 'bout the city, And his friends were greeted with a cheerful smile But now he's dull and dreary, And he looks both weak and weary; He seldom smiles, they miss his little jokes; Yet this haggard, hapless creature, With death stamped on each feature. Six packs of cigarettes a day he smokes They have cost him many dollars,

Loosely set his clothes and collars, His joints, they creak like hinges on a gate; And his cigarcites seem bigger Than his puny little figure— Be warned, my youthful reader, by his fate; For he caunot stop inhaling,

The Carlo

"Old Nic" ('tis not Old ' ('tis not Old Nick who dwells below "Old Nu mean), When dressed in fancy papers Cuts some very dangerous capers A nd he lands you every time, do —Ed Gardenier, b

denier, in Brooklyn Eagle.

Washington Asylum: "In the name of Our Master, the Blessed Lord and Savior, we pray you not to license any more liquor saloous, because there is no good in them. They tempt the young to evil, and only pro-duce poverty, disgrace, crime and ruin to the bodies and souls of men."

Will Have Trouble Either Way,

candidates for Speaker, more foolish than the others, announced to a correspondent that if he was elected he should refuse to

this announcement came the declaration from leading Republican Congressmen that Reed would be the recognized Republican leader on the floor of the House during the next session. This meant that the fool candidate who was not going to recognize Reed would not be wanted, and since that time the effort has been made to inspire the country with confidence in the amiability and gentle with confidence in the aniability and gentle-ness and justice of the various candidates until even the testy Mills is given virtues of which he never dreamed. The probabilities are that whoever is chosen will find more trouble in managing his own unwieldy party majority than in keeping in which he might regard as proper trim the small Re-publican minority. publican minority.

A Monumental Disgrace.

ore American.]

York's treatment of the Grant monument fund. For such a rich city it is an exhibition of littleness beyond the expression of words. The fund is not only standing still, but the managers of it are quarreling among themselves over insignificant details. Why in the world don't they go ahead and raise the

POLITICAL POINTS.

GOVERNOR-SENATOR DAVE HILL is the sticking-plaster statesman of the Empire State, and there will be some squirming when he is torn off .- Philadelphia Times.

MAJOR MCKINLEY goes on saying good things the same as if the campaign had not closed. His latest is that "a protective tariff cheapens products, while a revenue tariff cheapens men;" and it would be difficult to state the case in a more distinct and sug-

gestive way .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The tariff issue did not give the Democrat their victory in 1890, but if they think it did, they are at liberty to try it on again in 1892. The Republicans are ready to meet them in a square fight on the protective tariff and iprocity. These principles won in Ohio visit in New York.

this year, and will win in the nation next year.-Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

A CARREVL reading of Democratic organs nowadays must convince the reader that the Democratic party has of itself reduced the national debt to its present comparatively small proportions. Yet it was not so very long ago that that same party was protest ing that it must be repudiated, because it could never be paid.—*Boston Traveller*.

hight be successful in its object of stamped ing the timid, but for the daily exposure of GROVER CLEVELAND made his grand politithe fallacy of the claims.-St. Louis Republic. cal mistake when he took refuge in the Tammany tiger. Even the New York papers like the Herald, the World, the Sun, and the of the House are from the North, but a Southern man will be elected Speaker, Advertiser openly declare that he will be de-feated if nominated. New Yorkers are nevertheless, the same as in the old days of the slave-driving oligarchy .- St. Louis Globe pretty sore, and they usually tear open their wounds for the public to enjoy the dress

SPRINGER is looking up. Really. There is ing .- Chicago Inter Occan. no doubt about it. His candidacy for the THE Democratic newspapers that arose fond of dilating on the Bardsley default and Speakership has, until within a few days, been regarded as the joke of the season; but charging it all up to the Republican party might profitably devote a little of their at now he actually seems to be in the race, and tention to Defaulter Woodruff's case in Arsome of his competitors are plainly vexed kansas. Mr. Woodruif stole between \$100.by the strength he is showing. What great thing it would be-for Springer-if he 000 and \$200,000 from the State while filling hould succeed in "downing" Mills, Crisp, the office of State Treasurer, and although the transaction came to light about a year McMillin and the rest! Stranger things have happened, though.-New York Tribune. ngo he is still enjoying his liberty and the fr nits of his dishonesty.-Bedford Inquirer. Cause's workers claim for him more votes

SECRETARY BLAINE seems to have struck in the Democratic cancus than Mills and Springer together can hope to secure. Mills the keynote of the coming political economy in his reciprocity scheme. Statesmer and double Springer's best possible vote and writers on economical questions are and Springer's men in turn say that their candidate will start in with as strong a sup coming to see more and more clearly that limited reciprocity between many countries in unlike articles-that is, exchapging free those things produced by us with a reciproport as either of his rivals. Some ingenious Democrats with a task for mathematics ought to attempt the feat of making these claims harmonize with sincerity and wis-dom on the part of the the three eminent cal neighbor for those things we do not produce-must necessarily be the next step in the evolution of universal trade.-Balt Bourbons mentioned.-Clev Herald.

shelves of the Pittsburg Library: "A

Frenchman in America," Max O'Rell: "Betty Alden," Jane G. Austin; "Stephen Ellicott's

rettiest tableaux.

By the rehearsal for the "National Pa-

geant"last night, Battery B was transforme

for the nonce into the battleground where the grand shaft of Bunker Hill Monument,

in Charlestown, Mass., stands to tell the story of the death of Warren. Lieutenant Brown

took the part of Warren, representing him just after he has fallen. Those representing

and the Downfall of Royalty," Imbert St. Amand. While we are on the subject of the library, it might be proper to add a sug-gestion that grows out of a talk with the librarian. Miss Macrum, who has her own opinion about the library, and believes in it just as thoroughly as we all believe we are a trifle better than our neighbors, wishes that people would give Christmas presents to their friends in the form of a years sub-scription to the library. She says they will never regret it, and she will never regret it. Miss Macrum and the library have been friends for some years, and consequently she speaks whereof she knows. and other West India islands are employed for lighting purposes, being confined in lan-terns both for going about the country at night and for the illumination of dwellings. By attaching one of them to each foot while traveling in the darkness they serve as a guide to the path. They are also utilized in Cuba and elsewhere for ornaments, where-with the gowns and coiffures of ladies are adorned on festive occasions.

Every woman that loves her needleand, it is said, some of them love it so well they could wish their families were samplers -should visit the exhibition of Mrs. Mary Rath Merrill, at the Monongahela House, to-day and to-morrow. Mrs. Merrill comes from Columbus, alternating between that city and Cin cinnati in the interest of her art; for she does needlework so fine and with such versatility that it is raised to the dignity of an art. Mrs. Merrill's exhibition will con-tinue on Wednesday, and possibly, if Pitts-burg treats her weil, she will remain a while longer. Mrs. William H. Dalc is Mrs. Mer-rill's friend, and mightup called the patron of her venture here, and it is said that some sort of a reception will be given Mrs. Mer-rill before she leaves Pittsburg. Rath Merrill, at the Monongahela House, to

Social Chatter.

THE Art Society has issued invitations for its one hundred and sixty-ninth reception on Thursday evening, in the society's rooms, Academy of Science and Art building, Fifth street. The Rev. George Hodges delivers a lecture on that evening before the society on "Life in a Mediaval Monastery."

The "Afternoon Musical" holds its second meeting to-day at 2:30 reading collated lives of Gounod and Rubenstein, playing selec tions from their works, and those of Pitts-burg's noted young writer, Mr. Nevin.

When the decoration of the chapel was inished the cartoons were examined by the Pope and Court, and, as many of the figures were nude, the sensibilities of some of the Pope's attendants were shocked. Among these spectators was the Pope's chamberiain, Bingio du Cesaria, on whom Angelo took a unique revenge by painting his portrait on one of the figures in the Inferno. Bingio begged Paul IIL, the reigning pontif, to have the portrait erased, but the latter wittily replied: "I can release from purga-tory, but not from hell." THE members of the Young Women's Christian Association of Wilkinsburg are arranging for a reception to be given about the holidays to four of their members who have become brides.

MR. SPEAKER!

of his election, because he lives too fai North .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE Crisp policy of claiming everything

oomers who think he will lead Crisp

A newLING contest was held last night at the Linden Club House, between the Lin-den Club players and those of the East End Gymnasium and the Beliefield Club.

WALTER KEOTEN, of Robecca street, Wil-kinsburg, entertained theChautauqua Circle of that borough last evening in an enjoyable One was a prim madonna, Whose hopes lay far beyond the skies: The other was a prima donna, Whose hopes all centered round the flies.

THE Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, give its annual dinners on Thursday and Friday Mr. Blifkins (to Miss Dorothy, with G. F. MILLER, editor of the Bulletin, arrived rday morning after a few days

whom he is deeply smitten and cannot find a way to propose)—I hate these weiddings with so much fins and feathers, so many guests and flowers and music and all that. When I'm married there'll be no one present but myself, the bride and the minis

--- Brookly

SHARP THINGS SCISSORED.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Miss Dorothy-Oh, I'm so sorry! I was hoping to get an invitation to your wedding. Such an old friend as I should not be left out. MR. HATCH would make a capable and satisfactory Speaker, but there is no possibility Mr. Blifkins-When I'm married you will be

> ere, -Judge. SUNDAY REFLECTIONS.

The counterfeiter unconsciously engraves many a true bill. Silence may be golden, but its humble patron,

the oyster, is frequently in the soup. The slime of wrongdoing shows more plainly on Tus Majority of the Democratic members

In entries of the second secon

The crookedness of a moonshiner is found in the worm of his still .- New Orleans Picar

Blazny-Are you acquainted with Miss Insheed

Ronay-Just barely. I met her at a ball .- Town Topics.

SHE WAS FALSE. "No brighter eyes did ever glow Such lovely brows beneath, And never opened lips to show Such rows of pearly teeth."

Thus said I to myself as there I stood with hat in hand To bid "good night" to maiden fair That did my love command.

She smiled; I was about to speak, When horroral came a wheeze, A crinkling of her nose and cheek And then a giant sneeze!

A speeze that jarred the earth, and at Whose winding up I found those pearly teeth within my hat, Her left eye on the ground.

One of the disgraces of the country is New ioney?

Harrisburg Telegram.] Some weeks ago one of the Democratic

recognize ex-Speaker Reed. Quick upon