n Occasion for Any Amount of Mystery and Queer Celebration.

vents Decidedly Illustrative of the Character of the People.

HUNDREDS ALWAYS IN ATTENDANCE

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH, 1 CLOWAN, CORNWALL, Nov. 26.-I always love to come into rough and hearty old Cornwall. Physically it has two interestip aspects, the moorland, mineland intorior barrenness; and the weird and wondrous coastwise scenic glory.

The moorlands stretch dolorously as if in

oundless loneliness. The tors or hills are leak and bare. The whole face of nature ems torn and scarred as if by tremendous emental struggles. Yet all these caverns ad chasms which disfigure it were made by the hand of man. Its granite, shale and slate hide copper, tin and iron. For more than 3,000 years its surface has been cleft, and its depths gored and bored, until its and its depths gored and bored, until its face is nitted as if with extinct volcanoes.

Toward St. George's Channel at the northwest and the English channel at the southcast, innumerable valleys and tiny burns slope toward and cut through the walls by the sea, everyone discharging limpid streams, which go whirling, foaming and singing to the sea. Along the sides of these lovely combes are the quaint old homes, the rich acres, the ample ricks of grain and the sleek herds of the sturdy farmers of Cornwail. Tramp these coast roads but a mile, you suddenly stumble upon these lovely -the stream and the farm half hidden by glarious foliage d otting the sides far up He combe as eye can reach; here a rumbling ald mill there a nestling church; below you the quaint old village; beyond, the tiny haven skirted by the homes of fishers, and speeked by queer fisher's craft; further, the walls, or a stretch of low-tide rock and drift; and at last the bright blue sea.

Three Kinds of People in Cornwall. So there are three kinds of folk and life The mines and miners largely my the larren interior. Between these and the coast are the farms and farmers of the tiny combes and vales. And everybody on the coast is a fisherman, fishwife, or it some way profits from the endless harvesting of the deep. Yet these Cornish folk are all one. They are one in sentiment and tra-dition; in everyday life and custom; in cuptless quaint and curious superstitions in dislike and distrust of every English peron and thing outside of Cornwall; and they are one in an almost universal piety. They are nearly all methodists of the first ym sort. They are all God-fearing, spookbelieving, honest-dealing folk, who believe that liquor is as good for the body as is refor the soul; scrimping neither; in bulging in neither to excess; and withal savoring their rugged, everyday lives with a mutual helpfulness that is noble and a generous hospitality to the right-meaning stranger which knows no bounds.

Having been much among these simple and sturdy people. I have been greatly im-

the often mournful and almost stern manner in which their olden customs eserved. Change is unknown in II. It is regarded in the nature of The changeless pursuits of the scople for thousands, not hundreds, of cears, mining, farming and fishing, largely people for thousands, not this, Besides, Cornwall has lew large towns. People live in miners' few large towns. People live in miners cottages, farmhouses and fishers' huts, which are huddled, by the half-dozen, per-haps a score, in tiny hamlets. In these Cornish life may be seen to-day precisely as has remained for hundreds of years. Peculiarities of Cornish Funerals,

Mans there is no event among these to more illustrative of character, traits oms than the Cornish funeral. No work done for half a score of miles roundabout on funeral days. All festive or politi-cal occasions fail to draw together such Cornish crowds as the burial of the towliest man or woman of Cornwall. The assemblages never number less than many hundreds, and usually comprise many thousands of "Cousin Jacks," as all Cornishmen are called, and all call each other; while the burial of a Cornish farmer, miner or fisherman will often attract far greater rowds than that of the greatest and noblest lord To illustrate this singular outpouring on funeral occasions, in 1870 the body of a Praze miner who had emigrated to Colorado and had been accidentally killed in one of the mines of that State, was brought back here for burial. The entire population of Cornwall is less than 500,000 souls, yet more than 100,000 Cornish tolk attended this tuneral, or nearly ten times the number that the funeral ceremonies of the ute Lord St. Aubyn.

Every little hamlet has its carpenter and From time immemorial this personage has possessed extraordinary dignity from the fact that, by favor and custom, he is also the undertaker. His shop, which is also his home, where his apprentice lives with him, is regarded with extreme awe. It contains the "luneral tackle," the necessary interpents for burial, which have been handed down through generations, and in whose preservation himself and his wife exercise and display extraordinary anxiety and pride. The people are universally sui any are accidentally seen lying about, hey exhibit genuine awe and fear. In fact they are intensely and hereditarily keen in all death portents, attach the greatest significance to the slightest token, and, it is said, can "smell a funeral from Bodmin to

Coffin Varnish Acts as a Magnet. At the discovery of the faintest aroma of offin vernish in any Cornish bamlet, everyhody is astir. Men and women gather in the streets; and women rush into each other's house with the welcome-mouratul

news. "On, Jinny," the breathless visitor will "Tommy's (the joiner) mak'in a box,

"You" is added to nearly every conversational exclamation, inquiry, answer or sentence in Cornwall.

"Howst ee knaaw, you?" "Cos't ee smell un!" The joiner is quite as keen in keeping informed regarding the progress of any neigh-borhood illness, and is not likely to be ought unprepared when his services are mally required; for there is not only 30 ings, or a trifle over seven American collars, to be got for the ordinary Cornish offin, but death ushers in the joiner's absolute reign for at least 48 hours. During that period he is the undertaker, the great-est men in Cornwall; and in all commands

id behests no Czar was ever more implicitly obeyed. But he cannot provide against accidents in the mines. If in the night time a knocking is heard at his door his good wife, Jinny is the first to waken, with "Tommy, sum-budy's Jack he dead. Got' dooar."

Descending, he meets the swarthy "paird-er" of the dead miner with a solemn visner" of the dead miner with a solemn vis-age, calculating the while if the lumber and coffin furniture are ready, when this brief out comprehensive colloquy may be heard; Wass a matter, coden (cousin) Jack,

Thee cosn't guess whose dead, you." "No. no. coden Jack: who es a? "Jack's Billy's dead, you. Hawl (hole in the 'mine-pitch') went oaff about un n' smash un all to scats."

Thee doesn't say so?" Yea, yes, you. Thees muns mak a box

Entile in an Undertaker's Shop. All is now bustle in the little shop. The measure for the "box" has been brought with the aid of a "strop" or string; or the

undertaker secures it by an extraordinary

CORNISH FUNERAL. person of the "pairdner," who as cantiously admits certain comparisons regarding his own stuture and that of "un" who was "smashed all to seats."

the latter always being a huge enameled affair more than a foot square. The lad, shivering with fright, first proceeds to the house for the requisite lettering. Then the dreariest trip on earth is taken by this Cordreariest trip on earth is taken by this Cornish boy. It is often from 10 to 20 miles and return. Nine times out of 10, his route is across howling moors, over dangerous paths that literally wind about pitfalls, or through sixfoot lanes where the thorn trees prod and lance him savagely. Dark and drear is this trip for any human. Grewsomely dark and drear it always is for this Cornish prentice, for it always rains in Cornwall, and the wind forever rages over the rockstrewn peninsula so fiercely that even the gravestones are anchored and propped that the sign-posts of the dead may not be blown away. Inexpressibly dark and drear is it away. Inexpressibly dark and drear is it to this Cornish lad with the wraith of the away.

"smashed un" for his only company.

The country undertaker will complete his "box" by the next evening. It is always the same in Cornwall—of pine, stained a rich, dark cherry, with two heavy handles on each side, the huge enameled plate on the undertaken with a same in the control of the property of the control of the c top, upholstered with carpenter's shavings wagons or carriages are ever seen here at a funeral, unless it be at one of some member of a noble family.

Much Mystery and Difficulty. The delivery of the coffin for "layin' out" has therefore been for generations a matter of importance and rude ceremony, and al-ways by hand. From the universal dread of these people to come in any manner of contact with anything pertaining to the dead, "carryin' the box" is attended with some mystery and more difficulty. Usual-ly the undertaker's old cronies, who know

that liquor and perhaps a shilling besides, is at the end of the journey, are engaged. These, four in number, with the "box" on timbers between, and with the joiner at their head, set out on their lugubrious journey, which is often one of many miles, On arrival at the place of destination the "box" is set down some distance from the house. In accordance with long custom he enters alone and announces his mission. Through just as old a custom a short period of wailing is then the rule. This ceases as abruptly as it began; when the undertaker always asks of the widow, "Well, Jinny, hast ee got any licker? The chaps out ther's a little 'fraid." She will invariably reply, "Yes, my son, plenty, plenty." He then repairs to the thirsty helpers, with the rerepairs to the thirsty helpers, with the re-mark, "No fear boys, long o' Jack. Jinny's got plenty licker;" and they will as cheerily reply: "All roight, Tommy, we can stand un now!"

Lots of Officious Measurement.

These matters, essential from time immemorial, being once adjusted, they are tollowed by a great amount of officious measurement; for from first to last every possible opportunity for simple impressive ness and effect is made most of. Some times the "heading" of the little stairway is removed. Perhaps the "box" must go in through the second story window. But nothing more terrible could happen than to have the "box" come into the house in any other way that "feet first." That would be an unqualified and absolute presage of further death in the same family, or to neighbors who were "watching" with the

family. In Cornwall, "watching" with the dead is universally called "settin' oop with Co-den Jack." Friends and relatives always go to the house of mourning and enliven the family with memories of other similar occasions; of the most marked characteristics of the deceased; and, all else failing, revive the countless uncanny death legends and superstitions of Cornwall. These gatherings, however, are never held in the room with the dead. The single living room of the Cornish household is utilized, and it would not be a Cornish home if the funeral "saffron cake" and an abundance of liquor were not provided. EDGAR L. WAKEMAN.

MASSAGE by machinery des Shirley Dare in THE DISPATCH to-mor

International Fish Law Needed. Another international meeting of fish

commissioners will be held in Hamilton next Tuesday. Commissioner George H. Welshons expects to be present. The problem is to protect the border waters between Canada and the United States. As all the States touching the lakes, and the different Canadian provinces are interested, Mr. Welshons couldn't say what plan would be arranged. He thought, however, that all would agree to a law prohibiting fishing within a mile and a half of the shore with nets of any kind or size of the meshes and that for 30 or 40 days in the spring and fall fishing in any part of the lakes be stopped. This is during the spawning period. The lake salmon or common wall-eyed pike spawn in the spring and the white fish in the fall. Lake Ontario is almost barren water, and the New York people are anxious to have it stocked. A lively discussion is expected, but they all admit that something must be done to profect the fish in the greatlakes.

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MINNEHAHA flour has no superior and series of professional maneuvers about the few equals.

THEIR DINING ROOM Then the sleepy "prentice" is bundled out of bed and hurried off to Praze, Helston or Penzance for the coffin-handles and plate,

Altar Without Money.

EXCEPT WHAT GREW ON BUSHES

Mantel Cabinet of Raisin Boxes and Sideboard of a Packing Case.

MANY PROBLEMS SOLVED BY PLUCK

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.) AF HEN the family were moving into the other house they made leisurely work of it, carrying by hand everything possible—t he vases, glasses, lamps, books, pictures, rugs, and knick-knacks in general. In the evening the girls went with a clothes-basket, filled with the china and

rockery, between them, and Rob carried a

chair on his head, and Ben a pillow under each arm, and little Nell a broom; and every time they went it was all a gay lark, and when the final moving came there were only the indispensable things left—the bedsteads and mattresses, the bureaus, tables, sofas and stoves-to pack upon the team; so that not only was a great expense saved to their narrow means, but when the mother arrived the pictures were on the walls, the bric-a-brac on the shelves, and there was of course the mother's room, the spare room and the rooms which were to serve for the parlor and for the kitchen were forethe parlor and for the kitchen were fore-gone conclusions; but which should be the sitting room, and which should be the din-ing room, and which the father's office, or possibly the down-stairs bedroom, or possi-bly the winter kitchen, was yet to be de-cided; meantime they ate their supper in the kitchen. The mother settled the ques-tion early the next morning by naming the room which had the sun in it during the first hours; for, as she said, nothing is so cheerless as a breakfast room without the sun, and one with the sun is already half-furnished.

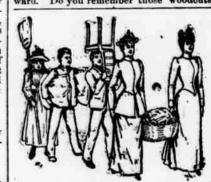
There was not, indeed, a great deal of anything else with which to furnish this room—a table and a side table, and some

"It's only a place to get into for food, and to get out of," said Bella. "It's just like creatures in a stall. And I'm going to make this dining room pretty, if it costs 50 "I should like to know how," said Sissy,

with a sigh.

Sissy painted a little on china, and had an artist's feeling for beauty about her, if in ever so small a way.

The Process Began With Papering. "Well, to go into the matter categori-cally, in the first place I will paper the upper part of the wall—you and I will, I mean—with brown wrapping paper: that keeps up the effect of the sunshine. Or else with any common kitchen paper at 5 cents a roll, put on wrong side out, so that the pattern just makes an embossed surface, and a little black walnut molding, at 2 cents a foot, shall divide that from the lower part I can tack it on myself and varnish it after ward. Do you remember those woodcuts



have been clipping out of the weekly papers

for years? There's enough of them to cover the wall all round three feet from the floor, put on so as to seem to melt into one another, as if they were a continuous story of something. And then a thick coat of yellow varnish over them, and there won't be anything, well, more unique, in the finest house in town."

"Wouldn't it be a little—a—conglom-erate?" said Sissy.
"Not in the general effect. But if you preier, we can put a straw matting on, all around the wall, standing up just its width, the little moldings tacked over it, and then punched every few alternate inches with big brass-headed nails, like tufting; that looks very chic, but it costs

"Why don't you say Spanish leather and be done with it? We can get one just as easily as the other. But the floor—"
"Well, 50 cents' worth of shellac will

"It isn't hard pine; it's just a common, ugly board floor."
"Then we must paint it brown and var-

nish it, and get one of those ingrain squares that cost \$5 for the middle. And then, you see, we will have the shell done."
"And that is all," said Sissy.

Decoration Made Easy.

"Oh, no, indeed. I'm going to have a Jacobean mantel, and a royal side-"A sideboard! I should like to know where it's coming from! I should think you had Aladdin's lamp."

"Better. There's one of the packing boxes; it's just the length of that sidetable I should like to know what we learned Slojd for at school if we can't plane that box perfectly smooth. Then we will let it rest on the table, but fasten it to the wall, the open side to the room, and put a shelf in it or cleats, and paint it reddish brown and lacquer it, and there you are!"
"Well, I declare!"

"Well, I declare!"
"The big cream-colored jar the olives came in, will go to the top of it, and that clumsy pitcher, and those queer earthen dishes that look like something foreign, and cost 10 cents a piece. And we can pick out the prettiest of our plates and cups and saucers to arrange on the shelf, and behind it and under it, till you get time to paint something, maybe, and the plated coffee urn we never use, and I think it will be rather

"It will make a lot of dusting. "It will make a lot of dustage." Well, then, we can have a brass rod put up with two little brass hooks, and run a up with two little brass hooks, and run a curtain on it of satine or something of the sort, a cream-colored ground with fine red sea-moss in it, or else all plain old gold—or a red and brown print of tiny palm leaves. I am going to make a screen of that, any-way, to stand before the door, just tack it on both sides of a little ciothes horse with little brass nails, so we had better have the sideboard curtain to correspond; I suppose the whole thing could be had for a dollar. "Oh, you can get everything, Bella! You only have to say, 'Presto! Change!' and there it is," said the ironical and despairing

Sissy. "Then I shall say, 'Presto! Change!' to the mantelpiece.

A Candle Box Mantel. "I will get some candle boxes and raisin boxes, and saw them in two; they come all smooth; and paint them like the rest of the wood work, and set them on the shelf, one at each end, and nail them to the wall, and one on top of the other. But I shall take the glass out of that old frame first, which used to hang in the back chamber, and stand it up in the middle, and hold it in place by the boxes on each side, and by a bit of the molding at the bottom, and some tacks at the sides behind the boxes, and at "I will get some candle boxes and raisin

the top by a board crossing the top of the boxes. There's your Jacobean for you." "But it will look awfully queer and

"But it will look awfully queer and empty."

"Will it! Do you remember that hideous little old portrait of great-aunt that nobody wants, and nobody wants to destroy either? Let's hang that close to the very ceiling over the middle; it can't be distinguished there, and yet it will fill up and make an ornamental effect. On the shelf under it, the board crossing the top of the boxes, we can stand that little banneret Susie Weish embroidered, just over the glass. On top of the boxes, those big conch shells that have been in the garret ever since the year one, and that old coral sea-fan, and yes, some Japanese fans to be sure. And inside the open boxes, a pitcher, a vase, papa's pipes, open boxes, a pitcher, a vase, papa's pipes, and all the trifles we can pick up. I tell



A Jacobean Mantel.

you, Cicely, love, that will be fine-espec ally if you'll go to work and paint a set of tiles for the fireplace underneath—dark red nasturtiums, raspberry vines, sumach leaves, on a cloudy cream colored back. What do you say? I don't know whether an open grate will warm the room or not-we can but try." "But there are all the rest of the walls bare still," said poor Sissy, with her lions

Just as Pretty as Pictures

"I know it, but we have so few pictures to spare from the parlor. To be sure, there are our ivy and our wax plant. I'll tell you, we can buy a couple of iron brackets for a quarter of a dollar apiece, and train the vines about the walls, and they will go a great way to make up for the absence of

"But we've lots of cabinet photographs of people," said Sissy, brightening. "We can ease them in stiff paper and make Jacob's ladder of them in narrow ribbons, and hang them up like Japanese panels. We can have a panel or two, I suppose;

We can have a panel or two, I suppose; they don't cost anything to speak of."
"But what we will have, and that will cost nothing," exclaimed Bella, "is a big wall pocket, made out of the fragments of the boxes and painted to match, and a little pot of German ivy or Wandering Jew in each corner, to grow over and hang down, and two great green wine branches, that and two great green pine branches, that will keep green for months, crossed in it like angels' wings, and in the middle a per-fect armful of barberry stems, just a foun-tain of scarlet grace and beauty all winter long. That's enough for one side of a

"But, after all, with no other picture how have the room will be!" "Do you think so? Oh no, we must make a lounge of a piano box and some cushions; papa likes a lounge in the dining room, and with his armchair and manima's wicker rocking chair, I gness it will do."
"But I do wish we had a decent table. It

akes so many cloths to keep this one look ing nice; and that makes so much washing and ironing."
"We might polish the top of this."

How They Fixed the Table. "We could scrape it with sand-paper, Then, instead of a cloth, we can have a large napkin at each place; and a napkin is so easy to wash and iron that we can have s many clean fresh ones as we choose, and plate and knife and fork and spoon and glasses on each. And the tiny mats you crocheted with thread will be just the thing for the salts and the peppers and the butter bowl; and I will crochet some large ones with piping-cord for the piece de resistance. "But there are other dishes—coarse, hate-ful, old-stone china," continued Sissy, will-

ing to indulge what she felt to be Bella's dreams.
"We can get lovely Japanese dishes for 5 cents apiece—buy two or three at a time until we have displaced the whole lot of the old ones. Oh, I mean to make this dining room so charming that papa and the boys will look forward to coming into it, and will in-vite their friends to come, and be proud of it. And you're such a nice little cook, Sissy, you'll do the rest. Oh, shan't we have gay times round the festive board in

uch a delightful room!" "Without any money for even the first beginnings! "It doesn't take much money-half a dozen dollars or so. Let me see-five for

the carpet square, three for the paint and paper and varnish, and then the satine, and the brackets, and—oh, I think \$10 will "To hear you talk one would think dollar

bills grew on bushes. "So they do. I'm going out to pick some now. Come with me—you need a walk—it isn't a mile away. I'm going into the hill pasture, and we will cut off whole branches of the barberry bushes, and trim off the thorns and the leaves, that only dry up and drop and make litter, and then we will tie them into bunches, generous bunches, and send them into town to the florist's—the express will be only a quarter—and he will give us 10 cents a bunch for them. Well, now you see! It will only take 100 of them to make our dining room all we want it to be. Of course, its work. And it is worth while to make the dining-room something

like a family altar.' HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD PROCRASTINATION in Religion reated by the Rev. George Hodges in THE

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RAILWAY, MAGNATES TO APPEAL

The Insanity Plea Is Urged in the Case of Frank Gerade.

DRIFT OF A DAY'S DOINGS IN THE COURTS

Ernest Maxwell yesterday received verdict for \$12.000 in his case for damages against the Pleasant Valley Electric Railway Company. Maxwell was thrown off one of the Pleasant Valley cars some time ago, and sustained a fracture of the bone of his left ankle. He claimed that it would be a permanent injury. The verdict he received was second to the largest ever obtained in Allegheny county.

The other case was that of a Lancaste county man against the Pittsburg and Birmingham Street Railway Company, in which a verdict of \$14,000 was obtained The amount was reduced as excessive by the Court The verdict was considered remarkable,

as it was thought during the trial the defendants would win the case. Secretary Graham, of the Pleasant Valley road, was seen yesterday afternoon and said: "The Court will be asked to set the verdict aside as excessive. I think it will be done, as we can clearly prove that the damages awarded are too heavy for the extent of the injuries. If this is refused I should think that the company would take the case to the higher

TRYING FOR A NEW TRIAL

The Case of Frank Gerade Considered by

Four Judges. An argument was heard before Judges Ewing, Magee, Slagle and McClung yester-day on the motion for a new trial in the case of Frank Gerade, convicted for the second time of murder in the first degree for the killing of his 8-year-old stepdaughter by dashing out her brains against a cradle. The argument in behalf of the notion was made by W. D. Moore. The motion was opposed by District Attorney Burleigh. Mr. Moore's argument was based on the claim of insanity. He reviewed the testimony of physicians to the effect that Gerade was demented and not responsible, and contended that the verdict was against the weight of testimony and should be set aside. He severely criticised

the jury in the last trial for rendering the verdict they did. District Attorney Burleigh asserted that the verdict was a proper one. He reviewed the testimony of numerous witnesses showthe testimony of numerous witnesses showing that there was no evidence of insanity in the actions of Gerade. He maintained that Gerade's alleged insanity was all feigned for the benefit of the physicians who examined him. He recited Gerade's action at the time of the commission of the crime, and said that they all showed that his reasoning powers and calculating faculties were all right. He passed his own two children and killed the disliked step child, which indicated that his act was not a blind unreasoning one that would not a blind, unreasoning one that would make him irresponsible. Attorney Burleigh also called attention to the fact that Gerade's insanity has been passed upon by three juries before three Judges, and all have declared him sane. He asked that the motion be re-

fused. The Court reserved a decision. TAXES OF THE YEAR.

Report of the Amount Paid Into the County Treasurer's Office. County Treasurer Bell yesterday reported to County Controller Grier the amount of county, State and poor tax for the year 1891 paid at the County Treasurer's office. The statement shows the following:

illegheny Boroughs, including McKeesport... Cownships.... .\$635,327 65 llegheny Total. .8160,847 83 POOR TAX. \$ 28,501 77 total collected of all taxes was

Alderman August Flach's Will. The will of the late Alderman August Flach, of the Twenty-fifth ward, was filed yesterday for probate. The will is dated November 15, 1891, and Nicholas Satler and George J. Bleichner are appointed execu-One hundred dollars each is given to the rectors of St. Michael's and St. Peter's Churches for masses for the souls of the testator and his wife. The St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Orphan Asylums each are given \$100. Fifty dollars is given to each of the persons in his employ at the time of his death. To his partner in the real estate and insurance business, George J. Bleichner, is given all his interest in the firm of Flach & Bleichner. To Nicholas Satler and George J. Bleichner are given \$200 each as a legacy, also his insurance in the Knights of St. George. His real estate is to be sold by the executors and of the real to be sold by the executors, and of the pro-ceeds one-half given to his mother, Eliza-beth Flach, in Weinig's, Germany, the other half to the heirs of Joseph Satler, de-

Should Have Filed Exceptions. Judge Ewing yesterday dismissed the petition for the opening of a road in O'Hara township, but in doing so scored the Pennsylvania Railroad Company quite severely for heing so dilatory in filing objections to the road. The Court says on this point: "There is no reason why the railway com-pany should have longer time than other parties. It has able, acute attorneys, with a corps of clerks. It would be a small matter for them to examine the records and file their objections promptly, if objection

A Pair of Divorce Suits.

Two divorce suits were filed yesterday by E. J. Smail. One was for Mrs. E. C. Detrich, by her next friend, S. Silberlein, against Jacob J. Detrich. They were married August 27, 1861, and Mrs. Detrich alleges that her husband deserted her March 15, 1887. The other was for Charles F. Anderson, of Braddock, against Anna M. Anderson, who claims to have been married November 10, 1866, but that his wife treated him cruelly until he had to leave her, and they separated October 13, 1801

December Criminal Court. The December term of Criminal Court opens next Monday. Judge Porter will The following is the trial list: Monday - Commonwealth vs George A. McWilliams, Peter Barnhart, August Sahr, Mrs. A. Cain, John Brestelschmidt, Harry Wyant, Edward Lautner. Tuesday—Peter Riley. For the remainder of the week the list will be made from jail cases for which true bills may be found by the grand jury.

Claim Title to the Property Attorneys Marshall, Imbrie and Scull yesterday filed a suit in ejectment in behalf of the Safe Deposit and Trust Company, administrator of Arthur Hobson, against J. R. Fricke, John Knorr, J. W. Watkinson, P. D. Stannard, E. T. Hughes, William them?, What are they?

The suit is brought to recover possession of a piece of land on Winebiddle street, Sixteenth ward, in the Union Park plan, con-taining 91.4 perches, the title to which is claimed by the plaintiffs.

Notes From the Courts. A verbict was rendered on \$57 for the plaintiff in the suit of Elizabeth M. Lawton against Gumbert & Huey. This was an ac-In the suit of Whitaker & Gamble against Heckert & McCain, an action on a bill fo lumber, a verdict was rendered for \$389 48 for the plaintiffs.

THE suit of Charles A. Balph against the Central Traction Company to recover a balance claimed to be due for work on the defendants' car house is on trial before Judge Single. THE case of Conrad Neuf against R. Gil-

espie et al, an action for damages on account of a pipe line running through the property of the plaintiffs, is on trial before Judge White. MRS. T. M. BERTALOT yesterday issued executions against Al Bertalot for \$3,172 and \$2,594 30. The People's Insurance Company issued an execution against Theo. Doer-flinger for \$7,150.

The jury is out in the case of Ernest M. Wilke against Edward Wind. It is an action for damages. Mr. Wilke was riding in his buggy, when Wind, who was in a barouche, collided with him and broke the buggy. GEORGE COLLINS entered a suit yesterday against Arthur Moran for \$5,000 for false ar-

warrant from Alderman Lowman's office, charging him with embezzlement. The case was discontinued, and he wants damages. A BILL in equity was filed yesterday by Miss Hannah Stewart against Charles Weaver & Son and W. J. McKain and wife. She states that they are putting up a build-ing next to her property, No. 32 East Dia-mond street, Allegheny, and in doing so they are tearing down the north wall of her building and threaten to encroach on her ground. She asks for an injunction to re-strain them.

American Protection Insurance Company Against Burglary, a verdict was rendered yesterday for \$506 87 for the plaintiff. This s the second trial of the case, the jury having disagreed at the former trial. The ac-tion was to recover the value of a lot of goods stolen from the store of the plaintiff, but which the defendants claimed had not been stolen at all.

MARK TWAIN thinks Wagner should have left out all his vocal solos. Read his humorous description of the Bayreuth tivals in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

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An apparent anomaly that has puzzled many people of late is plausibly explained by Lawyer Joseph Breil. For several years past lawyers and court officials were puzzled to explain why legal business did not grow with population. Prothonotary Bradley could offer no explanation except that the Berman custom of making people who are in debt give judgment, or shirt-tail notes, had grown largely, and this seemed to wash, though even the giving of such a note does not always utterly preclude a lawsuit; but it was only a partial explanation, and some people still thought it strange that notwithstanding the growth of population the aggregate of legal business was not greater than it was quite a number of years

rest. He claims to have been arrested on a When attention is called to the growth of the divorce business, optimists come to the rescue by citing you to the records to show that marriages have increased at the same or even a greater rate. But lawyers in general find it very dull, and it has been so for many months, there being no more business now, with 600 lawyers to do it, than there was when there were but 400. Following is the result of Mr. Breil's In the case of E. Silverman against the Lawyers Knocked Out by Cornoration

The tendency of the age is toward centralication, which not only knocks out shoezation, which not only knocks out shoe-makers, but lawyers as well. Within a few years the Standard Oil Company has absorbed at least 50 firms in this county, refineries and other businesses. These 50 firms once employed 50 lawyers, that is, they gave each of these 50 some employ-ment in course of a year, for it is not possible for a business of any kind to run without legal help in some respect. Now one lawyer gets that business exclusively, and, of course, there is less of it. He is paid a salary and does well on it, but the other 49 lose some business in consequence.

se some business in consequence. The Carnegie concern is a consolidation of about a dozen iron firms of various kinds. The first to disappear was Andrew Kloman, who was a preminent iron manufactures some 20 years ago. This consolidation gets its business done by one lawyer or a legal firm at a salary, and 11 other lawyers lose what business 11 extinct firms would have

It is estimated that 20,000 titles are examined each year. Formerly all this work was distributed among the lawyers. Now the Fidelity Title and Trust Company does one-fourth of the business. Averaging the price of examining a title at \$25, this shows that company shuts out lawyers' fees to the tune of \$125,000 a year, or \$41 66 is the average that each lawyer would lose sup-posing the work were to be divided among them. Shoemaking, like wool carding, was once an important industry, but both are about extinct, so far as small proprietorships are concerned, and now all the shoemakers in

work—can be enumerated on the fingers and thumbs of your hands. Some of the guild make a living by cobbling, but even this branch is now largely controlled by combinations. It is true that a pair of shoes are half soled and heeled for half what such work cost 20 years ago, but the small shoe contractor has almost disappeared. Hatters have met the same fate.

the city-shoemakers who make custom

Taylor, George L. Barton, R. C. Peterson,
A. H. Morrison, John Kaiser, Charles
Richardson, L. Cadman and Grace Huston.
The suit is brought to recover possession of small it may be individually, but considerable in the aggregate, from the legal fraternity, for the occupation of a clerk is not a legal grist producer. Then their vast collecting agencies, each of which combines the business in such a way that a lawyer probably does the works formerly done by 50, and while getting good enough pay for

it yet decreases the cost thereof.

Lawyers and saloon keepers are barred from the ranks of the Knights of Labor, and it is suggested that they might form an amalgamated association that would solve the problem of distribution, making it as it was before combination became the rule. It is true that both have associations now, but that among lawyers does not appear to cohere very strongly. One of the problems that engage labor economists is the distribu-tion of labor so that all workmen shall have employment, and they generally propose to reach the goal by reducing the number of hours that constitute a working day at present, but this plan offers no relief to lawyers. Criminal practice cannot be taken from them, but it requires to be made a specialty, and civil lawyers do not, as a rule, Then beside there is very little money in it for any except a specialist, and there is not room for many of them. Un-tortunately, the decadence complained of cannot be attributed to moral growth, as there is no evidence that the leopard has changed his spots.



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