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## TWELVE PAGES

ENDORSING & BALD STEAL Either the Nicaragua Canal Company lobby has completely closed President Harrison's eye, or else a modification is contemplated of last year's plans for that raid on the Treasury.

President Harrison in his Message makes the following statement: "If this work is to be promoted by the usual financial methods, and without the aid of this Government, the expenditures in its interestbearing securities and stocks will probably be twice the actual cost. This will necessitate higher tolls, and constitute a heavy and altogether needless burden upon our commerce and that of the world. Every dollar of the bonds and stock should represent a dollar expended in the legitimate and economical prosecution of the work. This is only possible by giving to the bonds the guarantee of the United States Government."

It is utterly impossible to understand how President Harrison could have written the paragraph above quoted if he had given any attention whatsoever to the details of the Nicaragua Canal scheme. That scheme proposed to do exactly what the President, who recommends it, affects to deplore. It proposes that there shall be \$200,000,000 of interest and dividend-bearing securities issued for a work whose cost is estimated by the Canal Company's own engineers at but \$65,000,000! Not only did the bill before Congress at

the last session on behalf this gigantic steal provide for a guarantee by the United States of bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000 to pay for this work which the Company's engineers estimated would require only \$65,000,000, but it also proposed that, though more than the full means was thus provided, the Company should further issue \$100,000,000 of stock-pure water. As the object will be to pay dividends upon the stock as well as interest on the bonds, it is not only clear that "every dollar of the bonds and stock" will not "represent a dollar expended," but that the burden of tolls to be imposed to pay dividends and interest on this water in the capitalization should most palpably come within the Presidental It is astonishing how the President, while denouncing what actually constitutes the responsible features of the bill, should still be induced to recommend the proposal itself. To urge that the country go into partnership with speculators, open and bold in their presentation of planswho do not take even the trouble to attempt to conceal that while Uncle Sam is to furnish all the money and take all the risk, they are to get all the profit and do all the spending of the millions among themselves and their friends-is to urge assent to an audacious bunko game, as the taxpayers will find out later on

The discovery of the bacillus of consumption, or any other one of the recent triumphs of medical science, would be as nothing beside the revelation of a cure by physical means of any one of the familiar vices in humanity. Thus, if by seclusion for a brief term and the administration of certain drugs, the desire to murder, to steal or to lie could be eradicated from the human heart, the Millennium would be within hailing distance.

Incredible as the idea seems it is along this line that the regeneration of man is expected by many of the wisest and best of the world's thinkers. Religion and moral suasion are not to be shelved but reinforced by physical curative processes. The man whose lust for liquor is conquered by bi-chloride of gold still has need of the Divine law and human morality if he would have permanent immunity from the curse of drunkenness. He must use his judgment and his will, avoid temptation and resist evil influences, or the physical condition which breeds the fatal appetite may be re-erected. It is the function of the remedy to give a man a chance to reform to make it physically possible. To extend a like means of salvation to victims of other evil habits is a work

grand enough to satisfy the ambition of any man.

#### NOT TRANSFERABLE.

With Colonel Shepard the wish is father to the thought when he spreads the report of Secretary Blaine's declination in favor of President Harrison. But, if there is any possibility of such a secret understanding, the quicker it is announced the better for the President if he is indeed to be Blaine's legatee.

The continued silence of Mr. Blaine through a long period in which clear preference for him has been dictating the expressions, while limiting the activities, of the leading men of the party may have only two constructions. It must mean acceptance of the nomination if tenderedor a deliberate purpose to help President Harrison by permitting the belief in such an acceptance, and thus keeping out of the field candidates who would run against Harrison, but who would not run so long as they thought Blaine to be in the race.

We do not believe that Secretary Blaine intends to lend himself to any such accom modation of his official chief. Popular though he is, he could not afford to do so. The tender of the nomination has been made for personal use only-not as an absolute and transferable gift. It is hardly to be thought of that a popular expression so general, so frank, and so gratifying would be so little esteemed by the Secret tary that he would turn it to the petty and unappreciative use of forwarding a politi cal move in the interest of a third party. Still, since Colonel Shepard is in the field with this offensive interpretation, it is full time that the Secretary or some one authorized to speak for him be heard as to his real purposes. It will not help President Harrison's chance, if, there being "a deal," it should be longer kept secret.

#### HILL'S HOWL WON'T HURT.

There is not that harmony among Demo cratic statesmen and organs as would make it possible for the country to tell with any certainty which way the Democratic majority in Congress intends to jump. However, it is some satisfaction to know that a conservative polley is favored by many influential men and newspapers of that party. Governor Hill's radical advice to repeal the McKinley tariff and adminis trative acts and the Sherman silver law is not approved by some of that office-hold ing phenomenon's supporters. They re alize what upsetting a system of finance entails upon the nation's business. The New York World flatly declares that Gov-Tilden's beneficence ported, is in error. Even to a Democratic organ it is clear that such a headlong policy of destruction would have a paralyzing effect upon the country's trade, commerce and finance. Hill takes a negative view only; he suggests no particular substitute for what he would destroy. It is about what might have been expected from a peanut politician. Fortunately such a policy is bad politics for the party, and it cannot fail to see it. It would hurt the Democracy's already slim chances next year as much as it would the nation's interests, and for that reason Hill's foolish plan to smash the tariff and fly to free silver will not be adopted by the present Congress. THE STATUS OF CHICAGO'S FAIR. When Dr. Depew and other distinguished New Yorkers were in Chicago the other day they visited the World's Fair ground and examined the buildings so far erected. The impartiality of Depew in the premise will be granted as readily as his ability to form a correct judgment of the work done. Since his return to New York he has pro claimed, to use the Tribune's words, "his surprise and delight at the scope and beauty of the design of the Exposition and the skill and sagacity with which the managers are carrying it out." Thus Depew and his companions, all level-headed bu ness men, are convinced that the Exposition will be a great triumph. The country at large will be glad to hear this assurance from a quarter where Chicago's claims are apt to be subjected to the severest scrutiny. THE DISPATCH has the satisfaction of recalling that its readers had an opportunity to form the same conclusion three months ago, when a staff correspondent described the progress of the Fair, the boauties of the site, and the plans for the future, in these columns, The question of further national aid for the Exposition will be brought before Congress shortly, and Chicagoans have a right to expect the whole country to be interested in its determination. The World's Fair is a national project, and if it is necessary that the nation should contribute more money to make the Fair a success by all means let it be done in good time. At the same time the nation has a right to expect that the necessity for further aid shall be made plain, and when Congress takes the matter up the managers should be ready to present an explicit account of how the money has been spent to date. It has been charged, or rather insinuated, that the expenditure of funds so far has been extravagant and wasteful; that too much money is frittered away in administration and promotion. When such a sum as \$5,000,000 is asked for, even as a loan, Congress is bound to be sure that the investment is a good one from a national point of view. It is to be hoped that Mr. Depew's favorable attitude toward the granting of the \$5,000,000 will be taken by Congress after a proper investigation of the Fair management.

#### THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER / 11, 1891.

#### ponderate in the papers. It is the boast of Americans that their newspapers are the brightest and most readable in the world for this very reason. What is a more proper study for mankind than man? When men and women meet in social converse what do they talk about as a rule? Metaphysics or the differentiation of species? Hardly, Nine-tenths of all human

conversation turns upon the doings or the sayings of humanity. The supply of personal news, furnished orally or in the periodicals, does not satisfy man. So the novelist comes to the rescue with the record of fictitious personalities. In America the craving for telligence of the world's varied life is keener and almost universal, because

man's tendencies and appetites are freer from artificial checks. The criticism of the European traveler is a compliment, though unmeant. It will be a sorry day when the free-born Amercan is denied the latest information about his fellows on this terrestrial ball.

THE Czar of Russia cannot fail to take a deep interest in Mr. Sage's searce with a dynamite bomb, and if the Wall street mag-nate could patent his method of escaping from high explosives he might sell it to Alexander at any price he wished.

PITTSBURG's right to the honor of standing sponsor to one of the vessels in our new navy is beyond dispute, and now is a good time for this city's representatives in Con-gress to agitate the matter afresh. It was expected that Secretary Tracy in his last report would have named the remaining cruisers still known by numbers, but he did not. Pitteburg, the maker of so much that is in these new ironclads, ought to be repre-

IF number and variety of bills was a Congressional business index, all might be for-given. But yesterday's record breaking only neans that the fresh young member to get his name in the Congressional Record.

THE London Spectator says that American don't laugh, and "that one may go from on end of the United States to the other and never hear a hearty laugh." If the Speciator could witness the reception of this piece of news it would change its opinion at once. So long as English newspapers discuss American affairs there will be plenty of laughter throughout the United States.

ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD is throwing open hi columns to anonymous correspondents who declare Harrison is the choice of the West. Mr. Shepard is a religious editor, and should

ot encourage liars.

THE press of the entire country demands n unison that the murderous crank shall be restrained. Unfortunately, many of thes half or wholly crazy people do not annound their homicidal plans. Those who talk of murder and violence openly the law is long and strong enough to reach already. They treated as wild beasts and en should be nies of mankind.

THE triumphal progress of the American hog abroad ought to have inspired the Presi dent to finer flights of fancy than anything his message contained.

BEFORE Pennsylvania adopta electricity as a substitute for the rope in the executio murderers it should be established with far more certainty than now that the forme is more humans. So far in New York ever, execution by electricity has been a blot upo the State's good name: to which the futil attempt at secrecy has largely contributed

INDIAN summer is slightly out of place in mid-December, but such weather as yes terday's is delightful, if it is not the preface to an untamed blizzard.

ONE of Mr. Tilden's heirs, a woman, gave to the trustees enough of her share of the estate to enable them to carry out in a modest way the testator's purpose to found a public library. The small library that will be built will be a monument to this woman' ncy as well as to M

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

#### ing and Important Features of the "Wz are having a lively time with our street car companies in Chicago," said M. C. Bristol, who is a high officer in the Western Union Telegraph Company, with headquarters in Chicago, yesterday, "and the experiments that are likely to be made Report of Attorney General Miller.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10 .- The annual report of Attorney General Miller was submitted to Congress to-day. It reviews the business of the United States Supreme the experiments that are likely to be made in the way of legislation regulating these corporations may be interesting to urban residents everywhere. At present Chicago is woefully deficient in means of rapid transit; all the surface lines are over-Court, and devotes a chapter to the Circuit Court of Appeals, which he says has been organized in each circuit and is ready for business, although the additional Circuit Judge in each court has not yet been apcrowded, and the relief promised in the shape of elevated roads is very slow compointed. He invites attention to a special report on the subject of Indian depredation ing, so slow that I see by to-day's papers

LAW DEPARTMENT WORK

report on the subject of Indian depredation claims, and shows the importance of in-sistence on the conduct of that business. These claims aggregate \$20,031,754. After speaking of the well-known difficul-ties in the enforcement of the Chinese ex-clusion act he says: "If it is desired that these laws shall be made effective they should be so changed as that they cannot be misunderstood. To arrest and try such persons, and, as the result, simply send them back across the British line, is shown to be an fille expenditure of time, labor and that Mayor Washburne has been empowered by Councils to appoint a committee of Alder men, citizens and street railroad representatives to consider the situation and suggest a remedy. As it is now, auring the early hours of the morning, and again at night, the street cars are so crowded that half the people have to stand or hang on pre-cariously to the platforms. Among the measures proposed in Councils to force the back across the British line, is shown to be an idle expenditure of time, labor and money, by the fact that, as might well be ex-pected, the same persons have to be ar-rested and tried over and over again. More-over, it is quite uncertain whether an order requiring Chinese prisoners to be sent back to the British dominions can be made ef-fective. This subject demands prompt con-sideration." measures proposed in Councils to force the existing companies to put on more cars is an ordinance making a street railway com pany liable to a fine of \$25 for every passen pany liable to a fine of \$28 ior every passen-ger carried in excess of the legal quots; and another ordinance, with the same intent, which forbids con-ductors to collect fares from those who have to stand. 'No seat, no fare!' is a popular cry in Chicago. A City Alderman has introduced an ordinance empowering the city to build and own street car lines, the needful funds to be borrowed from the owners of abutting property upon the secur-ity of the tracks. But there are a hundred schemes, and the only thing our city fathers, the faxpayers and the traveling public are agreed upon is that Chicago must have more and better streets car accommodations, and that in a hurry. If Chicago's rapid transit system cannot handle the resident popula-tion to-day, how can it stand the extra

sideration." The Attorney General reviews the legal proceedings in the case of the Chilean steamer Itata and sums up as follows: "Upon a trial of this indictment, commenc-ing on the 20th of October last, it was held by the District Court that these proceedings were not in violation of the neutrality laws of the United States. First, because the en-terprise was a legitimate commercial trans-action; and, second, because the Congress-ional party of Chile, not having at the time received recognition from the Government the United States, either as a Government of the United States, either as a Government de jure or as a belligerent, the acts done by the representatives of that party in the way of hostilities against the Chilean Government were not in violation of any statute of the United States. In short, that it is only in the In-ternet of a Government execution of any tion to-day, how can it stand the extra pressure in the time of the World's Fair? That's the question Chicagoans mean to an-swer practically before the world tumbles in upon the city." terest of a Government recognized as such de jure or as beligerent that the neutrality statutes of the United States can be vio lated." He reports that five suits have been commenced under the act of America 1 188

He reports that five suits have been com-menced under the act of August 7, 1883, re-quiring all telegraph lines subsidized by the Government, by and through their own re-spective corporate officers and employes, to maintain and operate for milroad, govern-mental, commercial and all other purposes, such telegraph lines, and requiring the At-torney General by proper proceedings to prevent any unlawful interference with the rights and equities of the United States in relation to such telegraph lines. In relation to this subject the Attorney General recom-mends the restoration of the law to what it was prior to the act of March 3, 1887, thus im-posing on such corporations a liability to be sued corresponding to the right they enjoy to sue as plaintiffs, and to remove suits in which they are defendants. Take nue Market House, for instance; it is a fail-ure as it stands, and must always be so, and the money it represents would be better in the treasury. There is much other city property that is practically unproductive and should be sold, it seems to me. I don't mean to say that Pitteburgers were'nt right to vote for the bond issue, but while they are thinking about fixing up their finances it might be well for them to think how easily the city's assets might be increased."

#### BILLY FLORENCE LAID TO BEST.

#### Interment of the Favorite Actor in a Gre wood Cemetery Plot.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-[Special.]-The remain William J. Florence, the actor, were finally interred this afternoon, in the family plot at Greenwood Cemetery. About 75 people were present to witness the coremon at the grave, which was short and simple Beside the actor's widow the other membe of the family present were three brothers o the actor, Inspector John Conlin, Peter Conlin and Benjamin Conlin, Mrs. Barney Williams, sister of Mrs. Florence, and Commodore Joseph H. Tooker and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Tooker, Jr. When the casket was about to be lowered into the grave Mrs. Florence placed a bunch of violets at the head, and then broke down completely. Rev. Father Pratt read the Catholic committal service Then, when the coffin was about to be lowered, all knelt around the plot and Rev. Father Brandt read the Catholic prayer. Holy water was sprinkled on the coffin, an it was lowered into the grave.

Florence's grave, which is near the east er trance of the cemetery, is surrounded by graves of well-known actors and theatrical people. Near by is the plot where Lester Wallack and his father, James William Wal-lack, and Harry Montague ile buried. John Brougsham, "the father of American bur Brougsham, "the father of American bur-lesque," lies near, and Laura Keene, who was playing the leading part in the "Amer-ican Cousiq" at Ford's Theater in Washing-ton, on the night that Abraham Lincoln was shot there, Lola Montague, Tom Placide, W E. Barton and Barney Williams are within

#### POLITE WORLD PRUNINGS.

With Book, Blessing and Ring Miss Theresa Lawrence Becomes Mrs. Turnor-Chronicles of What a Day Has

Brought Forth. The nuptials of Miss Theress Lawrence daughter of Colonel J. J. Lawrence, and the Rev. William R. Turner, curate of Grace

Episcopal Church, Baltimore, were cele-brated last night. Colonel Lawrence's house put on the orthodox gala robe of flowers and held a small assemblage of guests made up of relatives and friends to see his charming

relatives and friends to see his charming daughter renounce her girlhood and marry the man she loved. Miss Lawrence was at-tended to the altar by her sister. Miss Mary. The groom was unnitended, and there were no ushers. The bride was in white slik, the bodice slightly low cut and over all a vell of magnificent length. A chain of gold en-circled her throat and from it depended an exquisite jewel. Miss Mary Lawrence was in white silk and chiffon. The Rev. Dr. George Purvis, of the First Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. R. J. Coster, of Grace Episcopai Church and rector of Bowman In-stitute, performed the ceremony.

-LAST night the Auditorium looked a unlike what it will to-night when the Na-tional Pageant holds forth as the girl in the morning, in curl papers, looks like the brill lant belle at the ball in the evening. If we

iant belle at the ball in the evening. If we only had a respectable music hall—but then we ought to be glad that there is a Pittaburg to live in, even if the men do polka dot its pavements with tobacco julce, and the municipal government sweeps up its streets at the expense of people's new opera bon-nets every evening. We might live in a town where the men couldn't afford to buy tobacco for themselves nor new bonnets for their wives, to say nothing of buying and supporting street sweeping machines. supporting street sweeping machine

WHILE some gayety, perforce, must be ottled up for other winters, when mourn ing is less in order, there are still a good many houses in which entertainment this season will be paramount. Mrs. D. Herbert Hostetter will likely be hostess at numerous affairs this winter, and Vollenhoven at least, will have one large holiday ball, when Mrs. Schoonmaker's visitors from Cincinnati ar-rive in town. Mrs. Harry Oliver's house will be finished in a short time, and presumably a house warming will introduce it to the polite world. Mrs. Painter's ball next week is the first large affair that lady has given for some sensons. Last year it was indi-cated, by unfailing signs, that this winter would be a brilliant one in the social world, and in evidence, of the chronicler's truthful-ness, it is here. Hostetter will likely be hostess at numerou

#### Mrs. W. Addison Magee's name among the list of guests at the Holmes reception

last week reminds one that this young matron, in the matter of attraction, is going to run the debutantes pretty close this win-ter. First, she has the advantage of being ter. First, she has the advantage of being married; secondly, she is cleverer than three smart women rolled into one; thirdly, which is not a triffe, she can talk well to a man, and, fourthly, in the matter of beauty, nature has been more than good natured. Mrs. Magee is a Philadelphian, and comes of a family of handsome women. Strange to say, or let us be unworldly enough to say, delightful the more because unusual, this charming woman finds more pleasure in her Sunday school class than in all the ball-rooms in Pittsburg and all the germans in its season. ts season

MRS. CHRISTOPHER L. MAGEE, who is postess par excellence, expects to throw open her magnificent residence during the holidays. Mrs. Magee is to the young schoolboys and girls what Mrs. Park Painte is to their younger brothers and sisters, and they are always glad to be invited to he house. The Magee mansion, which is a de lightful, roomy place, is nearly always filled with her young relatives and their friends. Doubtiess this coming entertainment will be one of the events of the East End.

WITH the glamor of approaching Xmas

WITH the glamor of approaching Xmas about everything and everybody, people are getting seasonably jolly. A 'little family party of four brothers and sisters, where marriage had never entered to destroy its unity in joyous anticipation of the ap-proaching yuletide, gave itself a dinner last night. It was as formal as the Queen's Drawing Room. Noiseless waiters served the numerous conrses, and a punctilious-ness was observed that would have warmed the heart of Lord Chesterfield. When din-ner was over they all drove into town and, separating, visited the various toy stores and bought each other the most prodigious lot of toys, which they presented on return-ing home. The little joyful incident took them hack some 50 or 25 years, when they belleved intallibly in a generous-hearted Santa Claus.

#### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Virginia owns 1,500,000 acres of oysten

-Child marriage had its origin at the time of the Mohammedan invas -A Birmingham, England, man called

White collected 510,000 pennies during his -It is claimed that the Chinese invented

the mosquito net. It was in use in China for many years before 1819.

-A lobster has been captured at Eastport that measured 40 inches in length and nearly as much across the claws.

-Twenty-seven families named Smith recently held a reunion in a Kansas town, and then a few were missed.

-Official statistics show that Colorado has over 20,000 square miles of coal, and the product of 1990 was 3,000,000 tons.

-A milestone set by Benjamin Franklin is still standing in New London county, Conn. It is old and mossgrown.

-Meerschaum is now found in the United States. A vein of it eight inches thick has been found near Silver City, N. M.

-A man in Connecticut has invented a machine which will feed chickens with mar-vellous punctuality and regularity.

-All the varieties of the tame duck are descended from the wild mall, and which, though timid, is easily domesticated.

-Coyotes are more numerous than ever this year in Oregon. Frequently packs can-taining 100 are seen near civilization.

-It is claimed that land that was purchased in the West for \$12 per acre produced \$500 worth of strawberries last year on each

-The grave of St. Patrick is said to be in a neglected state. The matter has been brought up before the Royal Society of An-tiquities of Ireland.

-A family in Milwaukee is endeavoring to monopolize the law business. All of its members consisting of a father, mother and three daughters are practicing at the bar.

-It is figured that 37,000,000 babies are born each year in the world. This means about 70 each minute. A line of cradles con-taining them would stretch around the world.

-There are now 84 pupils in the Catholic Indian school on the Umatifia reservation, and the worthy sisters are kept very busy looking after the education and temporal needs of their charges.

-Each public school in Los Angeles, Cal., floats the United States flag every day the pupils are in attendance. The youths take a great interest in keeping their flag in the best shape possible.

-The descendents of a single wasp num ber as many as 30,000 in one season. Novem-ber is the fatal month which kills them all off, except two or three females, on whom depends the perpetuation of the race.

-It takes a long time for the cocoanut tree to attain its full condition of bearingseven years-but when this time has passed it is a mine of wealth, and happy he can call a plantation of 100 acres his ow

-In previous years in England the greatest number of suicides occurred among the old soldiers, but since the conditions of the service were changed the number of sui-cides of young soldiers have been the greater.

-Three thousand acres of wild land were recently fenced in to a height of 16 feet in Missouri. A large number of deer were in-closed without their knowledge, and it is proposed to keep them there the rest of their lives.

-A Wyoming rancher is very anxious for a wife. He says in his advertisement that he is not particular about her looks, her age or her fortune, and she need not be a good cook, as he is something of an artist in that line himself.

-In Java a live sheep is thrown into the

water, and is supposed to indicate the posi-tion of the body by sinking near it. A where those in search of a drowned body row to and fro with a cock in the boat, fully expecting that the bird will crow when the boat reaches the spot where the corpse lies.

-For several hundred years, and down to a comparatively recent date, money was coined at from 25 to 30 different cities in France that had inherited the privilege. Now all French money is comed at the Paris Mint and bears, instead of the effigy of some distin nished person, a head representing the Republic, or liberty in the more general

Russell Sage's Accessibility. "Among the Wall street millionaires non has been so generally accessible as Russell Sage," said Clarence Rossiter, a New York broker, to the writer on a Fort Wayne ex press night before last. "Anyone of decently espectable appearance could gain admin sion to Sage's sanctum in the Areade build ing, if he merely had patience enough, for

and to sage's sale tim in the Archae build-ine, if he merely had patience enough, for the financier saw many people and had not an idle minute while downtown. In this accessibility Mr. Sage has always differed from the majority of rich men. For instance, Jay Gould, Mr. Sage's most intimate friend, never sees visitors who approach him un-armed with strong letters of introduction. Mr. Sage's experience is apt to make him cautious about receiving strangers, and Wall street magnates generally will shut them-selves up more tightly than ever." It is in the writer's experience that Mr. Sage was the easiest and most pleasant big gun in Wall street to reach for news. In the exciting times of the Marine Bank and Grant & Ward's failure and at other: crises in the Street, I interviewed him regularly every day and had no difficulty in getting at him, though the process of pumping anything out of him was usually more arduous. When he was in a mood to talk, he dictated his views and read them before he let thein get into print,

Pittsburg's Unproductive Property.

## A Millionaire's Hard Luck.

ABOUT Mr. Sage's closeness and economy many amusing stories have been told, but last night a theatrical man fold me one that has the air of novelty if not of strict truth It was after the explosion, and Mr. Sage was being driven as quickly as possible to his uptown residence. Mr. Sage did not talk much, as was natural, but at one time be said to the clerk who sat in the carriage

Tramps Have Hearts.

we think for in the trainp's request, that he wants the money to get him a bed."

DEFEATED, NOT SILENCED.

I's defeated, but I am not silenced, b'gad,

THERE was much talk about a dark hors

the Speaker's chair, and if the Georgian

SILVER AND LEAD.

Valuable Deposits Unearthed in a Neigh

boring Stite.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 10.-1t is alleged that a productive voin of silver and lead

ores, in combination, has been discovered in Delaware county, near Cook's Falls station,

on the Ontario and Western Railroad. The

discovery was made by quarrymen, who

Tom and Jerry Were Not in It.

Tom Watson was Jerry Simpson's Speaker-ship candidate. Despite the large Demo-cratic majority in the House the Tom and Jerry combination fell through.

Home Rule May Be Waked.

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combination, has been discovered in

Appropriations .- Chicago Inter Ocean.

sir!-Springer.-Chicago Tribune.

"It's none of my business as an Alle-ghenian, to tell Pittsburgers what they ought to do." said Joseph Carson yesterday but I can't see why Pittsburg does not sell the real estate with which she is burdened inprofitably. It would improve Pittsburg's inancial position if she were to turn most of the real property she owns into cash. that regular white elephant of a Fifth Ave-nue Market House, for instance; it is a fail-

#### PENNSYLVANIA'S EXHIBITS.

Executive Commissioner Whitman, of the State Board in charge of Pennsylvania's share in the Chicago Fair, in hi last report makes an interesting showing of what can be done in the way of exhibits He advocates the appropriation of most of the funds for the display of farm products, minerals, coal, coke, oil and natural gas, and such interests as cannot well be shown through individual effort. Out of the \$100,000 to be devoted to exhibits he estimates that \$46,500 should be devoted to Pennsylvania's natural products.

In the matter of manufactures and lead. ing industries he thinks, correctly, too, that individuals and corporations may be relied upon to do themselves justice, without much assistance from the State.

The Commissioner's proposition to show working models of such representative Pennsylvanian objects as oll and gas wells. together with miniature facsimiles of notable structures in the Commonwealth, will be generally approved. Suggestions from Pittsburgers as to this city's contribution to the historical collection would be timely.

#### THE WONDERFUL WEATHER.

The protracted season of fine weatherbalmy and bright in the mornings as spring, and in the evenings scarcely sharper than that of early autumnshould set the scientists to work upon explanations.

To old or even middle-aged people who remember the invariable sleighing, skating and below-zero records that were features of the weather before old-time Thanks. givings-usually keeping up the rigor until the latter days of March-the change of conditions is almost phenomenal.

What is the cause? Neither weather clerk, geologist nor astronomer has yet been heard from to officially and satisfactorily account for the immense variation.

#### MEDICINE FOR MORAL ILLS.

Drunkenness is a disease, say a great many people who suffer from it or affect to cure it. The success of a treatment, based upon this view of the drink habit, has encouraged a belief in the assertion If physical and moral delinquency in one shape are susceptible of cure by drugs and dieting, there is ground for hope that other ills and evil habits may be abolished by like treatment. Until quite recently the free will of the drunkard was not often questioned, and the world's verdict upon the victim of strong drink was commonly damnatory. But the theory that

the appetite for drink is a disease, as specifically marked as any a physician is called upon to treat, is obtaining wider acceptance daily. It would be a tremendous step forward

if other bad habits which fetter the race could be unriveted by therapeutic means.

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#### MAN'S PROPER STUDY STUT.

Foreigners who come over here to spy out the land are fond of telling us in th books they write when they get home that as a nation we are very curious and inquisitive. To prove this they point to our newspapers, in which they claim personalities and the description of trivial events in the lives of public and private men swamp matters of graver interest.

Americans can afford to grant the truth of the charge that personal news does pre-

BLAINE will break Quay's record fo dience if he does not speak soon

#### NEW YORK seems to have enough mur erous cranks within her borders to ex terminate all the millionaires in Wall street and it wouldn't be a bad idea to prevent continuance of the slaughter by shutting up all the insane persons at large who have en named as the assailant of Mr. Sage.

#### ST. LOUIS HARD AT WORK

To Secure the Democratic National Conven tion Next Year. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.-The various committe appointed to manage the St. Louis candi dacy for the National Democratic Conven tion, met this afternoon to effect a substan tial organization. President Bernheime suggested that a committee of 100 be se lected representing the City Government Exposition, Mercantile Club and all the ex

changes. President Bernheimer said that letters had been sent to all the National commit teemen and that a number had sent very encouraging replies. He said that St. Loui had a brilliant prospect of getting the con-vention, and that united and intelligent effort would certainly capture the prize. Steps were then taken to appoint the addi-tional committeemen, and the committee will get to work at once.

#### No Need of a Guarantee.

in the speakership contest but they didn't spring'er.- Toledo Commercial. New York World. 1 The President thinks the people of the United States ought to "guarantee the credit" of the Nicaragua Canal Company. If HON. WILLIAM M. SPRINGER can now add one large scalp to the decorations in his political lodge.- Washington Post. the credit of that company isn't good that is WHEN Springer elected Crisp he proved reason enough why the Government should traitor to his principles and signed his own its indorser. If it is good, it not become political death warrant.-Buffalo Express. does not need a guarantee. SPRINGER did not get there himself, but h gave Crisp the final boost that seated him in

## PECULIARITIES OF PEOPLE.

JOHN T. WATERMAN was vesterday apointed private secretary to Speaker Crisp. PATTI is engaged in writing a book about the people she has met. It will probably be very entertaining.

CONGRESSMAN HATCH, of Missouri, is a farmer, a famous sportsman and a good after-dinner speaker.

CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD, the poet scout, aspires to be placed in charge of the Indian Department of the World's Fair, HENRY S. KITSON, the young English-man who has been selected to make a statue

of Farragut for Boston, is only 28 years of age. MISS MARY CHENOWITH, the chief apostle of Christian Science, is said to be worth \$8,000,000 and lives in a house with 105

GENERAL G. P. THURSTON, of Nashville, Tenn., has one of the best coin collections in the country. He has the English series almost complete. HALL CAINE, the novelist, thinks more

of the lantern which once belonged to Eugene Aram than he does of any of his other possessions. REV. A. M. HASSELL says that no mat

ter how wild his neighbor Senator Irby was in his youth, he is now a man who never does anything wrong. J. M. THURSTON, the Nebraska lawyer,

when he first went to Omaha used to buy a box of crackers and a piece of cheese and live on them until his stock was exhausted. DR. A. A. LOW sent each of the teachers in the Parker Institute \$50 on Thanksgiving Day, saying that he noticed that institu

were constantly being remembered, but the eachers were constantly forgotten. DR. S. WEIR MITCHELL, the celebrated lienist, believes that the language one

alientst, believes that the language one speaks exercises an influence over his man-ners. For instance, a person may appear ill-ured when using English, but the same per-son will be gentle and refined in manner aking French.

with him, "It's a great pity-I gave \$15 for short distance. Almost directly b this suit of clothes and I haven't worn it two Florence's grave, lie Henry Ward Be vears yet-now just look at it!" and Mr. Sage metally surveyed his clothes, which the exand the wife of Secretary Tracy. losion had torn to ribbons.

#### THE OHIO HICCOUGHER.

#### His Strange Malady Turns Into a Bay "Tur common idea that tramps expend Case of Typhoid.

the money they ask for in liquor is errone-ous," said a commercial trayeler at a Sixth SHELBY, O., Dec. 10 .- Victor O. Peters, the street hotel the other day. "I furnished six of them with a dime apiece the other young man who almost hiccoughed himself to death, is still alive, and yet a very sick man. The most peculiar part of the sad evening and out of curiosity followed on and saw him join the other five on Penn affair, and that which puzzles the physiavenue. They walked to an electric light clans, is the fact that his sickness now turn where they stopped and counted the pro out to be a stubborn case of typhoid fever. we've got \$3 40. Let's hire a room and take Jim there and then we can feed him.' Then Nothing could be done for the hiccough which continued up to Sunday evening, when there was a slight let up. Jim there and then we can feed him.' Then I followed them down some streets, of which I don't know the name, and there under a shed they found a comrade, which was evi-dently sick. They took him to a poor look-ing lodging bonse, where they rented a room and one of them went to a grocery store and purchased some food, but, although I watched for a long time. I am satisfied that

They diminished gradually, yet they trouble the patient more or less occasion ally now. Over 400 letters and telegrams ally now. Over 400 letters and telegrams were received by the family from all over the United States, advising what to do to stop the hiccoughs. All were promptly an-swered, and will be preserved for future use and reference. The doctors in attendance say there is some hope of Mr. Peters pulling through, yet if he lives after a hard struggle with typhoid fever in his present broken-down and prostrated condition it will be nothing short of a miracle. not a cent of the money was paid out for drink. I am not rich, but I felt sorry to think I had not given them more, and since then when a tramp asks me for a dime I always make it a quarter. These are cold nights and I guess there is more truth than

#### VIEWING THE MESSAGE.

As a whole, it is an able, and here and there admirable, document, worthy of the President and well worth reading,-New York Advertiser (Rep.)

The message of the President of the United States is a document written with great ability and is sure to attract wides attention and favorable comment .- Ohio State Journal (Rep.)

THE President's message is a full and une quivocating confession by that gentleman that his administration is a complete success, and that he is entitled to all the credit for it.-Indianapotis Sentinel (Dem.)

ALTOGETHER, it strikes us as a brainy message. The writer speaks out for himself. He makes it clear that he, and he only, is knows anything about reciprocity Illinois will have the chairman of the Committee on President. We respect the tone, while differ with the sentiment .-- Cincinnati Enquirer (Dem.)

The third annual message of President Harrison is long if not strong. There is nothing in it to evoke genuine enthusiasm among his partisans, and it does not presen many salient points for severe criticism. Cleveland Plain Dealer (Dem.)

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S message is like the nan-frank, plain and business-like, and admirable in expression-just such a presentation of the "state of the Union" Constitution requires him to make to Con gress.- Philadelphia Public Ledger (Rep.)

were at work opening a new bluestone quarry on lands leased from W. H. Johnston THERE is no straining for effect. It is and P.E. Horton. The bed of bluestone which they sought to reach was overlaid by a stratum of what is known as transition simple, clear and business-like statement of public affairs, full of wise and practical suggestions, and so dispassionats that its perusal, after the crazy factional contests In penetrating this covering it was noticed of Democrats, is like a breath of cool that the blasts threw out chunks of ore of uncommon weight and having a bright mountain air .- New York Tribune (Rep.)

metalic luster. About 35 pounds of this ore were sent to a prominent New York assayer for examination. He returned a report last week to the effect that the mass yielded silver at the rate of \$100 per ton, and lead at It is a serious, dignified State paper, ful filling admirably the stirit and letter Constitutional requirement that the Presi dent "shall give to the Congress informa-tion of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measure as he shall judge necessary and expedient. Philadeinhia Press.

silver at the rate of \$100 per ton, and lead at the rate of \$40 per ton. The receipt of this report and the further discovery of veins of ore of a similar character on adjacent properties have set a lively silver mining boom in progress among the land owners of the neighborhood The rough mountain lands which were thougat to be dear at \$10 an acre are now held at \$100 and upward. Sevenil silver-mining companies have been organized and their articles of association filed in the Secretary of State's office at Albany, and there is a great scramble among speculators for leases and options for mining claims. MR. HARRISON's message to Congress is not specially robust, neither is the theme handled with exceptional ability or tact, but it is a straightforward document which gives us a clear photographic view of the wents which have absorbed the country's attention during the last twelve months. New York Herald (Dem.)

#### A Superfluous Nama.

Boston Herald.] The details of the St. John divorce cas seem to show that the saint is rather superluons in the actress' name.

#### Back-Action Bombs Needed

#### Washington Star.]

If, as Balfour says, "home rule is a dead issue," he need not be surprised if the Irish members "wake" is in the next Parliament. A reliable style of back-action bombs would be very desirable for general dis

THE ladies of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg, gave the first of two entertainments for the benefit of the church last night in the Opera House. The various fentures of the affair consisted of a bazaar, supper and concert, which will be repeated this evening. The ladies in charge of the tables are: Fancy Work-Mrs. Pershing, Miss M. Stewart and Miss Balley. Candy-Misses Isia and Lidy Hays, Sheridan and Hubley. Fee Cream-Miss Clara Nacholson, Miss Maggle Roberts, Miss Wills and Miss Balley. The supper table is in charge of an able corps of managers as follows: Mrs. An-shutz, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Batcheler and Mrs. Bates. Among the manay amusements were a phonograph, which produced musical selections and humorous stories; a minuet, by the King's Daughters of the church; fortune telling by a real gipsy, and a well-rendered programme of music and recita-tions. A well patronized affair is in pros-pect for this evening. last night in the Opera House. The various

HANDEL'S favorite oratorio, "Messiah, will be presented by the Mozart Club at Old City Hall on Monday evening, December 28. Two rehearsals are now being held every

Two rehearsals are now being held every week; and, with a chorus of 200 voices and an orchestra of 40 pieces, the club expects to give its best readition of the popular ora-torio. The soloists are among the best that can be secared and will doubtless meet with a hearty reception. Miss Hortense Pierse, of New York, the soprano, is well known to Pittsburg andlences. The contraito, Miss Adelaide Foresman, sang here in "Elijah" two years ago, and F. W. Jameson, tenor, and Ivan Morawski come highly recom-mended.

#### Social Chatter.

Social Chatter. LAST night a New England supper was given by the First Congregational Church, corner Franklin and Manhattan streets, which was a very successful event. It is al-ways an important annual happening, to which many members, present or past, no matter how many miles separate them, en-deavor to come. The attendance was good and a fair amount of money realized.

The return of Mr. Otis H. Childs and his beantiful bride is signalized by preparations for numerons swell functions in their honor. One of the earliest will be a breakfast given by Miss Arbuthnot, of Fifth avenue, at 1 o'clock on Thursday afternoon next. A for-tunate portion of the East End will be pres-out tion of salt.

# ANYONE wishing to remember Miss Rath Cleveland in the coming holiday season must address that young woman at the Cleveland Cottage, Lakewood, N. J. It is a question, though, if Miss Ruth Cleveland, America, wouldn't find her without any

MRS. GROBOE W. RANKIN and her daugh Miss. GEORDE W. RANKIS and her daugh-ters, Misses Jessie and Neille, received from 2 to 5 yesterday afternoon at their home on Webster avenue. They were assisted in re-ceiving by Mrs. Charles F. Rankin and Miss Adaline Smith.

Miss Julia Warson's theater party, given and chaperoned by her sister, Mrs. Frank P Sproull, occupied a row in the parquet of the Alvin Theater. By the way, what a lot cetty bonnets were to be seen at the Alof pretty bonne vin last night!

vin last night! AFTERA time of seclusion by reason of mourning, Miss Margaret Darlington enter-tained a dozen friends at a petit souper last night in the Duquesne Club. Favors of American Beauty roses lay by every plate. The students of the Pittsburg Academy have arranged a farcical trial to be held in the study hall to-morrow alternoon at 13A Cordial invitations are extended to their

# A LEAP-YEAR ball is being planned to com off at the Pittsburg Club and to outdo th one given in 18:8.

#### HIS CLEVERNESS WASTED.

imuggled a Skeleton Into Canada to Find I on the Free List. DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 10 .- Charles Allen,

medical student, of Leamington, Ont., bought a human skeleton in Detroit last week, dressed it in woman's attire, including hat and veil from his sister's wardrobe, and held it by his side in his buggy so naturally that in going over to Canada it passed muster as

a living person. Arriving in Windsor he expressed it to Learnington, and when he got home he bragged to a few friends about the neat piece of smuggling that he had done. Then for the first time he learned that the Cana-dian tariff law does not impose a duty on articulated skeletons.

-The Gypsies of to-day are divided up into the full-blooded, or tent Gypsies, and the Katrengroes, or house-dwellers, who keep their Gypsy blood a secret. This di-vision of the race shows that they are gradually yielding to the pressure of out-side influences, and the complete extinction of their national identity will simply be a matter of time. matter of time.

-There is no accounting for tastes, even in music. Crickets are bought and sold in various parts of Africa. People capture them, feed them and sell them, as the natives are very fond of their music, thinking that it induces sleep. Superstition regarding the oricket's chirp are varied: some believe that it is ominous of sorrow and evil, while others consider it a harbinger of joy.

-Savages find many sources of food supply where civilized people would starve. In Utah the flowers of the cat-tails, which bloom in the spring, are regarded as a delicacy either raw or cooked. Boiled they make a very good soup. California Ingians make bread from the pollen of cat-tails, which they collect in large quantities by which they collect in large quantities by beating it off from the plants and catching it on blankets.

-Pulque, the famous Mexican beverage. is said to have been discovered in the latter half of the eleventh century by a Tolteo noble named Papautzin, who sent some of noble named Papautzin, who sent some of the liquor to his chief, repaucaltzin, by the hand of his favorite daughter, Xochifi, called the "Flower of Tollan." And it is related that the chief became enamored of the drink and the maiden and kept both. It is further related that these ill-starred loves caused the beginning of the troubles of the Toltecs, which resulted in their over-theow

throw. -Among the noteworthy things Dr. Oscar Lenz saw when he traveled through Morocco; a while age, were two little rivers that once a year, at the time of the greatest heat, are filled with red water. It posed the color comes either from a stratum of red clay, through which the stream may pass, or from myriads of little red organ-isms. Another curious stream was a large creek with waters almost as salt as those of the ocean. This creek comes from great beds of salt, of which it carries off a very a very In the considerable quantity in solution. In the dry season the creek bed is exposed and is found to be covered with a thick incrusta-

### PICKINGS FROM PUCK.

Mr. Citimann-I should think a country house with its exposed walls would be rather un-comfortable in winter. Mr. Suburb - Y-c-s; but no one need be cold in a

country house. "How do you manage?" "(b), we keep ourselves warm carrying coal and poking fires, you know."

"Does your daughter speak the lan-

guages?"" "Not to any extent. She can say 'yes," though, in five of 'em, in case any foreign nobleman asks her to marry,"

"What's your fee for collecting this?" He inquired with a nervousthrill: And the lawyer calmly made reply:

"The whole amount of the bill. Mr. Goodsell (on Vestibule Train)-But

that do you think of our palace car service? Isn't hat nearly perfect? Lord Howlong-I think it is an infernal nuisan

It always makes me uncomfortable to see of omfortable as I am. "What do you think would be the most

appropriate gift for a Chicago couple?" "A divorce, most likely."

Woodhull-The law allowing women to act as members of our boards of education is hav-

Claffin-What is the effect of it? Woodhull-They are voting for

The hand that rocks the cradle, As the years go speeding by. Is the hand that spanks the baby:

And that makes the baby cry. "Hoffy's met with a dweadfully distwess-

"I feel jolly." "Your horse must 'a' come in first," "No; last. That's just what makes me jolly. I backed another man's horse this tri

"Deah me!" "Ya-as. Spwained his cane," "Howwible!" "You seem jolly."