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PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, DEC. 15, 1891.

AN ADVASTAGFOUS OFFER.

The offers presented to Councils yesterday to put smoke consumers under the boilers at the pumping station indicates that the idea that smoke consumption is a failure is by no means shared by builders of those devices. On the other hand such talk is met by a challenge for a convincing test on the city engines at the cost of the smoke consumer people.

One offer is to put smoke preventers under the boilers, at a fixed price, with nothing to be paid at all if 90 per cent of the smoke is not abolished and a material saving in fuel effected. The other is even more radical, proposing to take the saving in fuel for seven months as full payment for the work. On this statement it is clear that the city should accept one of these offers, or if practicable give both the desired chance to show their merits. If they fail the city loses nothing; if they succeed the city makes a great gain. The object of abolishing its own smoke and saving fuel is sufficient to make it imperative on the city to give these devices the trial asked for.

There is even a more important end to he effected by this public experiment. Efforts to abate the smoke nuisance have been delayed by assertions that smoke consumers do not work effectively. With this proposed experiment on city property Councils will know how much of this talk is true and how much of it interested old fogyism.

MORE DREADED THAN DANGEROUS. The spell of beautiful weather, unsur-

passed for December, has come to a moist conclusion with ominous threatenings of a reappearance of that dreaded visitorthe grip. While it is necessary to print reports of epidemics, just as of other news, and so that people may be forewarned, too much stress cannot be laid upon the advice to give way to no foolish terror. Vast as was the inconvenience which the grip brought to multitudes in this country last winter, it is really not, excepting in rare cases, a fatal disease. Those deaths which occurred when the grip was prevalent could in almost every instance be traced to other specific causes.

Considering the great numbers who exhibited symptoms of the aggravated inuenza in one shape or of r, the propor

ern Pennsylvania and the Mahoning Valley would, without calculating an increase in volume, pay for the canal in four years. At the end of ten years it is not hazardous to predict that the volume would be so great that the economy on two years' operations would equal the cost of the canal.

These are simply estimates of what Western Pennsylvania might expect from the operation of influences which are demonstrated in the case of the Erie Canal. The conclusion is irresistible that for an investment less than that in railroads between this city and the lakes a transportation route can be secured the influence of which in expanding our industries will be equal to that secured by the building of railroads in the first instance.

LARGE PIG IRON PRODUCTION.

The large production of pig iron, refurnaces in blast on, December 1 show that active operations in that industry are being maintained. The present condition of the blast furnace interest is a striking illustration of the commercial policy enforced by the free action of competition and of active operations on the basis of hard pan prices and narrow margins of

It is many years since the iron industry has had a boom in prices; and the actual result has impressed itself on the minds of many manufacturers that they are better off without it. When they sell a ton of pig iron they get but a small advance on what it cost them, and at some junctures the margin has been invisible. As a rule, however, the effect of the conditions has been to secure certainty in results with enlarged production overbalancing the narrowness of the profit. As a further result after ten years, there is nothing heard of insolvency in the blast furnace interest. This affords a striking refutation of Mr. Aldace T. Walker's assertion, in common with other combination apostles, that unregulated competition is too destructive to

be permitted to exist. Any attempt to raise prices of pig iron by the combination method would be utterly hopeless. This is not only on account of the ease with which new furnaces would be called into existence by ar advance of a few dollars per ton, but from the fact that there is a reserve of idle stacks ready to increase the output the same month that an advance of a dollar is registered. Is the free competion in the sale of pig iron destructive? Everyone knows that no competitor will sell pig iron ate loss, for the simple reason that to do so would be to inflict the loss on himself

alone. It is only where there is a chance to restrict competition that this cutthroat policy is resorted to for the express purpose of getting the loss back out of the combination.

The fact that wherever competition is free, natural and unregulated, there we find the best examples of legitimate and steady trade, is the most complete answer to all the sophistries of combination theorists.

REED IN THE MINORITY.

Referring to a statement of a Democratic organ that Speaker Reed will be "very troublesome" this session, the Brooklyn Standard-Union, which aspires to organic position, responds with an indorsement of the statement; and the assertion that Reed "already sniffs the battle and his eyes sparkle with the joy of the combat near at hand."

This amounts to an assertion that Reed during the coming session will employ his talents in obstructing business. But he has already in the last session taken naprompt attention. tional ground for the right of adopting

extreme parliamentary measures to facilitate business. The assertion that the Democrats will find it difficult to deal with Reed may be true; but the difficulty, if it exists, will be on account of their own limitations. If the Democratic Speaker chooses to adopt the Reed tactics of refusing to recognize men who may be inconvenient to them, the suppression of the ex-Speaker will be a comparatively tricts. easy matter. But this is not so important as the assertion of a Republican newspaper, assuming to be a mouthpiece of Reed, that, having posed as the champion of extreme measures to put down obstruction, he is as the leader of the minority to turn another somersault and come down in the new apartment. role of champion obstructionist. The suggestion is all the more interesting because Mr. Reed, as the leader of the minority, is likely to be one of the minority members of the Committee on Rules. In that position will he support the rules which give the Speaker power to count a quorum, refuse to entertain dilatory motions and use al! the other means for suppressing a troublesome minority? If he does not will not he afford another proof that his famous theory of "rules" was simply a device to push partisan measures? We say another proof, for the fact is that Reed has once before turned his avowed parliamentary principles upside down to suit party exigencies. As a member of the majority he declared the privileges he overthrew as Speaker were necessary to constitutional government, The question now is whether he will throw a flip-flap back to his original position. Mr. Reed may he troublesome, but if he were burdened by a conception of consistent principles he would be most troublesome to himself.

trayal of public duty. Fortunately the question can be settled beyond dispute by the publication of Egan's note.

WHERE MEMORY IS USEFUL There is amusement and edification for people with memories, in the statement that when officers of the United States Court at Omaha sought to subpœna the Superintendent of the Western Railway Weighing Association to testify before the grand jury, with regard to the grant of rebates to Armour & Co., that person was found missing. Officers say they "chased" this witness and another "several hundred miles," but could not overtake them. Con-

sequently the cases had to be held over. The striking phase of the fugacious lisposition of this railway personage will be apparent to any one who can project his memory back to the time when the railway weighing associations were established. These new organizations in rail-

way conduct were widely advertised as designed strictly for the enforcement of the Inter-State Commerce law. The desperate and lawless shippers who deceived the trusting railway officials, were to be detected by this official, and the last means of misleading the confiding corporations into unwittingly violating the law was to be abolished.

If this was the function of those asso-ciations it must be said that the official in charge of the business at Omaha has the most unique idea of discharging his duties ever heard of. For it is a fair deduction, from his adoption of the Catalinian precedent, "excessit, evasit, erumpit," that he had inside knowledge of the rebate conspiracy, but it also stands out on the face of the affair that when there is an effort to enforce the law in the courts, he at once concludes that this is the time for disappearing. Not until the skies are cleared of the clouds of prosecution will he bob up screnely in his character of enforcer of the law.

This can hardly fail to be suggestive of the question: During these years, when the railroads professed to be founding agencies for the enforcement of the law, were they really establishing methods for its violation?

WHEN the coming toyal marriage in

England is made the occasion of a leading editorial in a Philadelphia journal which tarts off to the note that "the roaring month of daffedils and crocuses will bring domestic England a new jov," which "gracious eyent" will confer similar happiness on America, it at first appears like a simple but acute case of Anglomania. But then we go on and learn that "the Duke of Clarence will have in the traditions of his family every inspiration to high and true living," the wonder grows whether that much-talked-of "British gold" has captured our esteemed Philadelphia cotemporary ag and baggage.

THE statement that the portrait of a former Speaker of the House known as Henry Clay has been displaced to make room for that of Mr. Reed may induce some offensive partisans to refer to the difference between a live animal of one genus, and a lead one of another.

WHILE it is possible that this House can expunge Bynum's "badge of honor" in the shape of that censure, it will be wise for it to abstain from fighting over last year's birds' nests.

THE Pure Food bill was introduced and urged by Senator Paddock in the last Congress and which might have passed but for the time wasted on the Force bill, is again before the Senate. It has the endorsement of the Department of Agriculture as well as of the Senate Committee, and ought to have plain sailing. If anything can be done to prevent food adulteration it should receive

THE unhappy individual whose duty it is to decide whether it is Fort Chilt, Fort Chalt and Fort Nilt that the bold Britons have and Fort Nilt that the bold britons have

LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS.

SECRETARY FOSTER continues to improve

slowly, but will hardly be able to leave his

house this month. He was compelled to cancel his engagement to speak at the din-

JOHN S. MILLER, Corporation Counsel

in the motion within a week.

moved in the United States Supreme Court to dismiss, on a technical legal ground, the

States Supreme Court to-day, dismissed, for want of jurisdiction, the appeal of David L.

burg, Suspension Bridge and Plattsburg, N.

NEWBERGER, REISS & Co., of San Fran-

count of alleged fraudulent entries of mer-chandise. The investigation of this case re-

the Army has formulated a series of charges against Major Lewis C. Overman, of the

Engineer Corps, based on the evidence of

REPRESENTATIVE CULBERSON said to-

day that if he is nominated to be an Inter-State Commerce Commissioner he will ac-cept the position, but further than that he declined to speak.

file a bill in chancery against the State of

miles south of the present generally cepted boundary line.

to the Senate this week.

nto the furnace.

eau, and will seek the app pecial committee of inquiry.

IT is stated on good authority that ex-

Representative Baker, of Indiana, has been

MR. ENLOE, of Tennessee, has deter-

mined to offer a resolution looking to a

further investigation of Commissioner Raum's administration of the Pension Bu-reau, and will seek the appointment of a

VAPORIZED OIL AS FUEL

It Will Be Tried in the Government Ord-

nance Workshops.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .- The use of vapor-

zed petroleum for fuel in the new hot blast

heating furnace in the shrinking pit at the

A CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

What Will He Do About It?

The Question of the Hour.

To Deprive Him of His Seat in the United WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.-Repre-States Semate.

NO MOVE AGAINST HILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Repre-sentative Springer, of Iilinois, in speaking to-day to a reporter about the action of the Board of Control of the World's Columbian Expeatition in deciding to ask for an appro-priation of \$5,00,000, instead of a loan of that amount, as was at first contemplated, said: "I do not think that there is any good rea-son to expect this Congress to make an ap-propriation of the amount specified, for this Congress will be out a chary in its expendi-WASHINGTON. Dec. 14.-[Special.]-The at-tention of Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, was to-day called to the published rumor that the Republicans of the Senate are contemplating a move to exclude Gov-ernor Hill from the Senate on the grounds that when he decided to retain the Gover-norship of New York, after the meeting of Congress will be quite chary in its expendi-tures. Nor do I understand that a regular appropriation will be asked. Congress will, however, I am confident, make a loan to the board of that amount, for, guaranteed as it will be by the receipts, which will aggregate three times the amount asked, there will be no failure on the part of the Government to have it repaid. Congress in this way ad-vanced \$1,500,000 to the Centennial, and I know of no reason why (for the World's Columbian Exposition will be immeasurably larger) the sum asked should not receive e same generous treatment."

that when he decided to retain the Gover-norship of New York, after the meeting of the Senate, he, by that set, abandoned his seat in the Senate, and can't now iny claim to it. "This is the first I have heard of such a move being contemplated," said Mr. Faulkner, "and I really placeno reliance whatever in the report. In the first place, granting that the rumor was true, I don't understand what difference it could make between Governor Hill taking his seat as Senator on the assembling of Congress, and say, a month later, when his term as Gov-ernor shall have expired. There is neither precedent nor reason for taking such a step as is attributed to the Republicans. "There was a case, I cannot now recall it, where the Senate decided that a Senator for-feited his seat in accepting an office ten-dered him after he had taken his seat as Senator. That, however, was an act subse-quent. In Governor Hill's case the Senate does not, officially, yet know that he has been elected a member of that body, for his credentials as Senator-elect have not been issued, and until it is officially informed the Senate is powerless to act. The Legislature of the State of New York is the only body having official knowledge of Governor Hill's election, and that body is the only one which could act in the matter." THE United States Supreme Court to-day held, in an opinion rendered by Justice Field, that a tax levied by the State of Maine on the gross receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, for the privi-lege of exercising its franchises within the State of Maine, was legal and constitutional, and was not contrary to the provision of the Constitution prohibiting the States from regulating inter-State commerce. Four jus-tices dissented and five signed the opinion.

MILWAUKEE'S CONVENTION BID.

Cash Guarantee Fund of \$100,000 and a Carload of Free Beer.

cancer his engagement to speak at the dne-ner of the Boston Board of Trade Wednes-day evening next, but has arranged with As-sistant Secretary Nettleton to represent him on that occasion. General Nettleton left here for Boston this afternoon. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 14 .- One hundred citiens, representing a capital of several millions of dollars, to-day signed their names to a guarantee fund of \$100,000 to pay the expenses of the Democratic National Convention should it be secured for Mil-waukee. A "Booming Committee" has been selected and hotel quarters secured in Washrepresenting the city of Chicago, to-day moved in the United States Supe-

selected and hotel quarters secured in Wasilington. Each member of the Committee of One Hundred will wear dark suits with cream-colored trimmings, and one of the big breweries will send a carload of beer to the capital for free distribution. An architect who examined the Exposition building to-day reported that there would be a seating capacity of 22,000, standing room for 5,000 and 48 delegation rooms. Twenty thousand dol-lars will be spent in refitting the building. At a meeting of the St. Paul joint Commit-tee on Convention Promotion and Auditor-ium for the Democratic National Convention, City Attorney Lawler submitted an opinion that the city could legally build the proposed auditorium by the 1 mill additional tax. A resolution requesting such action by the City Council was adopted. rior Court to advance the hearing of the four suits between the Illinois Central Railroad Company on one side and the people of the State of Illinois, the United States of America and the city of the United States of America and the city of Chicago on the other side. The suits in-volve title to a considerable amount of land along the water front of Chicago and sub-merged lands under the waters of Lake Michigan. It is desired to have a speedy settlement of the dispute, so that this prop-erty may be utilized in providing means of transportation for the visitors to the World's Fair. The Court will probably rule on the motion within a week. JOHN H. AMES, of Lincoln, Neb., to-day

BOSTON'S DYNAMITER.

The bomb thrower may or may not have nailed from Somerville. He certainly ought to have gone there.-Boston Herald. The discovery that the bomb thrower who

to dismiss, on a technical legal ground, the suit of James F. Hilton, appellant, versus James E. Jones. The motion was opposed by W. Hallet Phillips, of this city, in behalf of Hilton, who also moved to set the case down for a later day, to be heard in connec-tion with another case. The sult involves title to a large tract of land in the vicinity of Lincoln, Neb., said to be valued at \$900,000. tried to kill Sage was a Boston man is pretty tough on the city of beans and culture .-Chicago Globe. CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER, in the United

Now that the Russell Sage dynamiter has een traced to Boston he will undoubtedly want of jurisdiction, the appeal of David L. Hammond et al against Walter S. Johnston, receiver of the National Bank of the State of Missouri, and Clara A. Baker. The suit in-volved title to a large amount of property in the city of St. Louis. The decision of the court is based on the ground that the State court's decision covered the case so as to leave no Federal question necessary to be passed upon. be referred to as an acephalous lunatic .-Washington Post.

Is young Norcross, of Somerville, Massachu setts seems to have once more farnished a man who "fired a shot heard round the world." What on earth he did it for isstill a mystery .- Boston Globe.

THE New York bomb thrower has been dentified again and some innocent gentle ACTING on the advice of the United man traveling about the country will learn to his surprise that his head is now on a slab States District Attorney at Buffalo, Acting Secretary Spalding to-day instructed the Collectors of Customs at Buffalo, Ogdensin the New York morgue.-Chicago Times.

The country is surprised that a dynamiter The country is surprised that a dynamicor should have come out of Boston. It is possi-ble that in some quarters of the Hub raw beef has been substituted for the natural food of the Bostonian, which is the peaceful bean.— Y., to cause photographs to be taken of all Chinamen arrested for unlawful entry into chinamen arrested for unlawful entry into the United States from Canada. It is ex-pected in this way to establish a positive identification of all Chinamen who return to this country after having once been de-ported to Canada as the country "whence they came." Louisville Courier-Journal.

RENT & MOUNTAIN IN TWAIN.

An Earthquake Shock Which Split Open a Lofty Peak.

cisco, recently offered to compromise the Government's claim against them on ac-WHATCON, WASH., Dec. 14.—One of the Twin Sisters, north of Mount Baker, was ob-served at 11:30 A. M., emitting a huge volume of smoke, which arose apparently to the height of 1,000 feet. Smoke was soon lifted to the north and disappeared. About 2:30 r. M. a column of smoke also arose from Mount Baker, and other mountains showed the

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. CHRISTMASTIDE GREETINGS.

Interesting Letter From Secretary of the 21 pounds of refined. Christmas Letter Mission-The First Bow of the Cinb Theater-A Few Items army for observations.

of Interest to Everybody. With Christmas Day fast approaching the Christmas Letter Mission season is on, and the public interest and generosity is de-manded. Through this department of Tax DISFATCH the Secretary of the mission makes an appeal in the following interesting man-

The ladies of the Christmas Letter Mission are actively engaged in the work of getting these lovely letters ready for distribution. Much good work has been accomplished by this mission in the past, and many tes monials of its efficiency have been received. In many instances the letters were so ad-

sweeter than ordinary cane sugar, but is costs \$10 a pound. -A watch beats 157,680,000 times in a The chaplain of the Philadelphia Peniten-tiary sends a very cheering report of the pleasure with which letters were received year. In the same length of time the wheels travel 3,53% miles. -Naturalists have enumerated 657 different species of reptiles. Of this number 600 are as harmless as rabbits.

bringing the lesson of the season home to its immtes. A faithful, earnest worker tells an incident which, it is hoped, has resulted in the salvation of a soul: "A well-dressed young man," she writes, "came to my house on Christmas Day asking for a breakinst. I gave him a letter, which he read with fail-ing tears. He told me that drink was the cause of his condition, and, as he left me, he said, 'I hope it will not be like this, another Christmas Day asking for a breakinst. I peace and good will are not only suitable for hospitals, pri-ons, asylums, homes, rail-read and mill workers, but for the slek and bereaved anywhere, whether in homes of wealth or of poverty. Each Christmas letter is printed in clear type, charmingly flus-trated, and contains a pretty Christ-mas card, all of which is inclosed in dainty colored envelope, bearing a Christmas postmark of peace and good will. The sender of the letters may sign his or her name to them and address them if desirous of doing so. A large number of the institutions of Alle-gheny county are provided for, but not all, and these the society desires to remember on the coming Christmas Day. Contributions to the central fund are greatly needed to defray expenses. One dollar pars for 30 letters, envelopes and cards for adults, and 25 letters, etc., for children."

an hour's flow of water is therefore 32,250,000 -Humbold County, California, has a population of 33,000 and \$17,000.000 taxable wealth, but it is unconverted with the world by railroads.

-Chemists have extracted from coal tar 16 shades of blue, 16 of yellow, 12 of orange, 9 of violet, besides shades of other colors too numerous to mention.

.-Over 18,000,000 cubic feet of water falls

over Niagara every minute. The weight of

-Thirty-four pounds of raw rugar makes

-Stepladders are used by the Belgian

-Five hundred and sixty-four stores and

-Negroes with red hair are common in

-A carpet tacking party is the latest

-Raspberries are still ripe in Tillamooh

-The Bank of England holds in its

Vaults \$125,000,000, and the Bank of Germany, \$200,000,000

-Sugar made from coal is 300 times

Oregon. In that region they get two crops

3,679 dwellings are vacant in Toronto.

the West Indies and in South America.

every year.

Misouri invention for evening festivities

-Four skeletons of giants have been unearthed near Florence, Mo. There is a tradition that four mule loads of gold are buried in the same vicinity.

-The frog, owing to its peculiar structure, cannot breathe with the mouth open; and, if it were forcibly kept open, the czeature would die of suffocation.

-The total area of bog land in Ireland is 3,630,000 acres of which 1,254,000 is mountain bog and the other is available for fuel. The average thickness of the peat is 12 feet.

-There is no country in the world in which the raven is not found to be a native; it is also the only bird known to ornitholo-gists which is of such cosmopolitan char-

-The British cuckoo and the American cow blackbird never build nests of their own, but content themselves with deposit ing their eggs in the nests of other and smaller representatives of the feathered tribe

-A body buried 13 years ago near Ashland, Mo., has recently been uncovered. It was found to be in a good state of preserva-tion, but it was covered with a luxuriant growth of black curly hair which filled the coffin

-As far as is known at the present time there are but nine words which end in "dous." They are: Tremendous, amphibo-dous, hazardous, apedous, pteropodous, cephaledous, gasteropodous, stupendous and gastropodous.

-The term "tabby cat" is derived from Atsb, a famous street in Bagdad, inhabited by the manufacturers of silken stuffs called atabi, or taffety. This stuff is woven with waved markings of watered silk, resembling a "tabby" cat's coat.

-It is said that the t

-Recent experiments prove that electricity can be drawn from the sky even if there are no clouds around. -The population of London is now 4,421,-661. That of Paris, which comes next in the list of large citles, is 2,344,350. -Madagasear people work 25 days in a year and make enough then to support them in idleness the rest of the time. -English locomotives have neither bells,

headlights nor cowcatchers. Warning is given by the shrillest of whistles. -A German breed of silk worms thrive upon the leaves of salsify. This species would do well in the United States. -The owl is unable to move the eyeball, which is immovably fixed in the socket by a strong, elastic, cartilaginous case. -Boise City, Idaho, has a 16-year-old

girl who is 6 feet 2 inches in height and weighs 207 pounds and she is still growing. -The first vessel launched by the early American colonists was the Blessing of the Bay, launched in Massachusetts Bay, July 4,

Miss Carney concludes by requesting that orders for letters and contributions be ad-dressed to her, at 161 Carson street, Allegheny City.

The noticeable improvements and the nany points of beauty observed in the Club Theater caused murmurs of admiration in the guests at the first cotillion last night. Already in this department have been briefly sketched the changes taking place. It will be remembered that the entrance was composed of a long hall and a narrow

staircase with divers turns, having neither beauty nor reason to recommend them. This has all been done away with. In their place is a short hall and a wide stair-case, at the top of which is a pretty foyer. From it you can walk into a lady's dressing room to the right, while a wide doorway with velvet hangings opens into the assembly room. Across from this door, a communication, in fact the third communication, has been made with the club house itself. Originally a light had

communication, has been made with the club house itself. Originally a light had been let in here for the darker rooms down stairs, and over this there has been thrown a stairway, hung with canvas, forming a covered way to the club house, where an-other dressing room has been reserved for ladies. When so desired, this frame work can be taken up and the door closed, thus situting off all communication. When so desired this room can be enlarged and turned into a dining room. The increased space has delighted extremely those con-nected with the cotillions. It is thought that the floor of the club theater is one of the finest for dancing in the country. The oak, which is not possewed of sufficient spring, is replaced by a yellow pine floor, polished to the highest state of perfection. Excepting on cotillion nights it will be pro-tected by a handsome dark brown canvas, having patent fasteners, which permit of its being removed or replaced with readiness. The other improvements here are the lighter tones used in the freesoing and the lovely, delicate shade of the window hangings and the stage curtains, the walls being an apple green, which the vertienely pretty arrange-ment of the electric lights has been left un-changed. The withdrawing room, serving as a lady's dressing room is painted in dark yellow shading to buff, with a calonial iman-tel piece in white having a hearth tiled in yellow. The carpet will be preserved by a covering to be removed when the the the elect is

Social Chatter.

Mus. HORACE LOWRY, sister of Mr. John W. Beatty, the artist, is sponding the Christmus holidays with her talented brother, at his Wilkinsburg home.

It is expected that the Pittsburg Club will be introduced to the public next week, and possibly on Christmas night.

A BIG FOSSIL ELEPHANT.

It is Larger Than Any Remains Yet Dis

covered or Exhibited.

LAWRENCE, KAN. Dec. 14 .- Professor Willis

ton has received notice that an immensi

fossil elephant has been found in the arid

region among the sand hills in the Western

with no parts missing. The letter announcing the find was writ

Jack Frost's Neglect,

Ar 24 14.

mirably suited to the wants of those receiving them that it seemed as if the correspondence came from friends.

there, and the opportunity is gave him of bringing the lesson of the season home to its inmates. A faithful, earnest worker tells an

tion of deaths attributable to the grip alone was smaller than perhaps for any other epidemic ever known. The sum of experience is that, with those who take the grip, ordinary precaution in keeping within the house and following medical directions, prevents danger, excepting where the vital organs have already by other causes been reduced to an exceed ingly feeble condition.

The announcement from some of the New York physicians who have been experimenting upon this year's article of grip that it does not threaten the nerves as it did last year, will afford relief to thousands familiar with the nervous form of the ailment. It was its hold upon the nervous system of patients last winter which caused it to be dreaded as far more dangerous than it actually was. With the element of nervous apprehension removed, the grip need cause no more alarm than an ordinary acute cold.

THE INFLUENCE OF CANALS.

An illustration of the importance of waterways is given by a writer with this reference to the Erie Canal:

That the Erie Canal is a freight regulator is forcibly demonstrated every year. But few people in the State of New York, who own this great artificial water route, realize to what extent the Eric Canal restricts railroad corporations. During the past season of canal navigation, rates by canal have averaged less than four cents a bushel on wheat from Buffalo to New York, and, of course, the railroads have had to carry grain at somewhere near that rate to ge any business. Just before the canal closed wheat was shipped by canal for 3% cents a bushel, and before the last boats from Buffalo got to New York the railroads put their rates up to 734 cents a bushel, and men well qualified to speak on the subject predict that 10 cents a bushel will be the rail rate on wheat from Buffalo to New York after the 15th of this month. It is a matter of great significance that rail rates are now double the rate paid the last boats out of Buffalo 10 days ago.

This demonstration of the effect which a waterway of only six-feet depth has upon grain freights is an exceedingly convincing demonstration to Western Pennsylvania of what the result would be on our interests by a 15-foot canal from the Ohio to Lake Erie. It is well known that competition even when purely between railroads has had more effect in bringing down grain rates than much less costly coal, ore and iron rates. If, therefore, a canal six feet in depth brings grain rates from Buffalo to New York down to loss than half what it is when the canal is closed what would vessels of several times the capacity do for the coal and iron interests of Western Pennsylvania?

Can anyone, after a moment's reflection, fail to see the immensity of the advantage which the lowering of the freight charges between Pittsburg and the lake would confer? On the single item of coal gentleman's reputation. alone it would, without allowing for the expansion of business, effect an annual saving sufficient to pay the interest and running expenses of the canal and leave a very neat profit besides. The owners of Western Pennsylvania coal lands could afford to give a mortgage on their property to anyone who would build the canal and put it in free operation. The result to them would be exactly parallel to that on municipal property from the improv- | lar is unwarranted, for the letter of the ing of a street which when paid for is State Department was just what it should given back several times over in the en- be. If he did change the tone of the comhanced value of the land. The total sav. munication he put this Government in a

PUBLISH EGAN'S NOTE.

The circular of the Chilean Government with reference to the Valparaiso affair asserts what THE DISPATCH pointed out early in the dispute as a very possible cause of trouble. The letter of the State Department was a careful and conserva tive document. But it unfortunately only directed Mr. Egan to give an abstract to the Chilean Government. THE DIS-PATCH declared at the time that it would be very important to learn the exact language which Mr. Egan used in transmitting the views of his Government to Chile, as a request reasonable and just in its original character might be made very offensive if couched in different language. No publication has ever been made of

Mr. Egan's note on this occasion; but the Chilean Government asserts in its circular that his note was aggressive and insulting. This of course is no more conclusive than assertion to the contrary so long as it is

unaccompanied by the text of the note. Democrat. But unfortunately it is verified by reports from Chile published in glorification of Egan and is not inconsistent with that

United States: but we trust it will not pro-voke Uncie Sam to the point of putting on his spanking clothes.-Little Rock Gazette. It is clear that the United States wa entitled to ask for investigation and satisfaction; but it is no less clear that it should use a reasonable and moderate tone until the request is refused or neglected. If Egan faithfully transmitted the instructhat part of the messaget-Mil written tions of the State Department without inpaukee News.

jecting his personal enmity into the negotiation the statement of the Chilean circu prepared to concentrate a sufficient naval force in Chilean waters to render further re-sistance to the reasonable domands of the

Service and

was referred to the Attorney General, and he has returned the papers to the Treasury Department, with a recommendation that the offer of compromise be rejected. Acting Secretary Spalding said this afternoon that Consequently the go-as-you-please rule still prevails in the cable dispatches. the Attorney General's recommendation will be followed and criminal proceedings instituted against the offending persons.

THE introduction of four new street railway ordinances yesterday notifies the public that there are a few available routes not heretofore appropriated in the outlying dis-

THE report of cordial and friendly relaween the Czar and Sultan leads the New York Herald to the prediction that "The lion and the lamb are going to lie down together in the East and be good friends. They may do so; but the indications do not promise any change in their traditional quarters. The lamb will have an inside

Engineer Corps, based on the evidence of the persons who accused him of official mis-conduct while on duty in Cleveland. These charges were this afternoon submitted to Acting Secretary Grant, who will refer them to Major Overman and await his response before taking further action. The charges are ex parte, and may be explained by Major Overman to the entire satisfaction of the department. In this event he will be re-stored to duty, but unless this is done he will be court martialed. AFTER the fine assortment of rain and now storms which Hicks had scheduled for the first half of December the beautiful weather we have had fully establishes the theory of obtaining a clear forecast by re-versing Hicks' predictions.

THE Allegheny police have had the luck to capture another burglar. But the burhas not yet decided whether he will walk out of the jail or out of the courtroom.

THE report that the talk of European aid to Chile, in case of war, is simply drunken officers' talk, together with intimations as to the real cause of the Valparaiso riot, sug-

that in the interest of internatio amity a prohibitory law had better be passed for the scaports of Chile. ONCE more the new Government building

is on the eve of completion and occupation. With that fact realized the people of Pitts-burg can have a more assured faith in the iltimate arrival of the millennium. THE identification of the bomb thrower as

Broker Henry Norcross, of Boston, bas blown that dynamite conspiracy theory all to little bits.

WHILE reports as to the trouble at Wooster University are generally inspired from the students' side of the case, they suc ceed in disclosing the fact that the issue way whether the faculty or the students should run the institution. Up to date the faculty ems to be running it.

AN embezzlement of \$3,000 or thereabon falls into the level of deadly commonplaso completely that it is hardly more worth mentioning than a railway accident which kills but two or three people.

THE urderground wire ordinance went back to committee yesterday. . Let us hope it will not stay underground there too long

CHILE IS PEPPERY. It is earnestly to be desired that somebody

should accommodate Chile with a fight .-Kansas City Star.

CHILE is the game rooster of the South American political barnyard .- St. Louis Glob CHILE is ordering Krupp guns. She will

need them, and plenty of men back of them, too, if she continues her foolishness with this ountry.-Colorado Sun. CHILE contines to make ugly months at the

Cuing is mad at the words in President Harrison's message about that country How would she have felt if Jim Blaine had

SHOULD Chile at last refuse to make th ends for the conduct of her citi proper amends for the conduct of her citi-zens and officials the Government would be

New York Advertiser.] Light and distant and a service is a grade and this Government in a traine service hondred, soil this bostilities The evertime of the house Will Strake Of the second of the second

same phenomenon. A rout was observed in the main sister which had never appeared before, and which was apparently a quarter of a mile long, running from the top of the mountain toward the base. The mountain has never been surmounted, the top being a precipi-tous mass of chrome iron, and about 9,000 feet high. In the early morning a distinct earthquake shock was feit. THE Acting Judge Advocate General of

NEW YORK'S DISGRACE.

No Quorum Can Be Secured to Talk Over the Grant Monument Delay.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-[Special.]-The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grant Monument Association could not be held last week because there was no quorum present. No quorum re-sponded to a call for a special meeting today. An effort will be made to hold a meeting at 1 o'clock to-morrow. The subject which awaits cons deration is the plan for the granite foundation of the monumen which is to be placed on the concrete toundation.

THE State of Maryland was to-day given THEY FEAR THE FATE OF POMPEIL leave by the United States Supreme Court to West Virginia to settle the question raised by Maryland that its jurisdiction extends to the south branch of the Potomac, several Inhabitants of Several Mexican Village

Ordered to Flee for Safety.

Social Chatter. THE Wilkinsburg Chautanqua Circle was enterthined last evening at the residence of the Rev. John R. Burnett, on South street, when the host Mr. Burnett reviewed the "Leading Facts of American History," and Mr. Harry Carmack spoke on "Social In-structions." Other papers read were on "Physical Life" and "The Social Life of the Colonists." CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 14 .- The Government fears that the villages adjacent to the volcano of Calima will share the fate of Pompeii, and has, therefore, ordered the vil-lagers to abandon their homes and move to

Colonists." A TENTERANCE association, calle, 'he New Loyal Legion, has just been for and in Wilkinsburg, with these officers: President, Miss Jessie Anderson: Secretary, Archie Weldon; Treasurer, Clarence Hobertson. Superintendent, Mrs. Calvert. The society is made up of young people of both sexes from 8 to 20 years of age, They meet in Academy Hall every Friday afternoon. selected for appointment as a Judge of the Court of Claims, vice Judge Schofield, re-tired, and that his nomination will be sent

lagers to abandon their homes and move to places of safety. The volcano is now vomiting great vol-umes of lava, ashes and smoke, and the country for miles around is illuminated by the grand display. Strong winds carry the ashes a distance of 400 miles. A large party of scientists from various parts of Mexico have gone to visit the phonomenon.

Named for the Empire's First Victory.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.-Emperor William at-tended the launching of a new ironclad at tended the inducting of a new ironciad at Stettin to-day. His Majesty christened the warship Weissenburg. After he had broken the bottle of champagne on the prow, the Emperor addressed the crowd, saying he had named the new vessel Weissenburg in memory of a great epoch and of his father, who won the first victory for German unity on the field of Weissenburg.

KNOWN TO FAME.

uary 1.

CYRUS W. FIELD has a personal ac quaintance with the Queen of England.

heating furnace in the shrinking pit at the Washington ordinance shops has been so successful that it is probable its use will be greatly extended. The officers in charge of the shops have under consideration a plan for using it in the furnaces of the bollers used in the shops, thus doing away with coal entirely. If the petroleum can be used successfully under the bollers there will not only be a saving in the first cost of the fuel, but the expense of handling will be almost nothing. The smoke and dirt consequent on the use of coal will also be done away with. It is proposed to store the fuel in tanks sunk in the ground, at a safe distance from all build-ings, and carry it by a pipe to the boiler house, where if will be vaporized and blown into the furnace. SENATOR VANCE, of North Carolina, is n his way home from a European trip. SIR JOHN GORST, the new British Postaster General, once edited a newspaper in

LOUIS HERRESHOFF, the famous builder of yachts, says that personally he is not in favor of high speed boats.

GOVERNOR-ELECT MCKINLEY, of Ohio part of the State. Arrangements are making continues to improve, and yesterday was able to sit up, although still confined to his to have the petrification carefully removed as it is believed, from the descriptions sen room. to the professor, to be perfect, and if such is the case it will be the only one ever found

s lecturing on the fiddle. It is suppose that he is trying to fiddle his way into the hearts of the people.

MR. GOSCHEN, the Chancellor of the British Exchequer, is said to be the ablest debater in Parliament, but he has a voice like the hoarse croak of a rain crow.

President Roberts, of the Republic of Si-beria, is now in England, where sife rerom a train.

Maria Cross of Honor from her imperia husband. She has for 25 years been asso-ciated with the charitable institutions unded by the Czar's mother.

Chien, Wis, has received a cablegram from Rome, notifying him of his appointment as Bishop of the La Crosse diocese, to fill the

as a lady's dressing room, is painted in dark yellow shading to buff, with a calonial man-tel piece in white having a hearth tiled in yellow. The carpet will be preserved by a covering to be removed when the theater is used for a dance. The club house has con-tributed several of its etchings to embellish this room, thus giving it a very homelike and dainty appearance comfortable seats cushioned in brown to harmonize with the hangings invite people to be at home even in the foyer. Altogether from the indication in this part of the house, the re-embellished Pittsburg Club will be something its club men may be proud to display to any visitor. At the dance last night, this was the re vised of patronesses: Mrs. George Jones, Mrs. Alexander Lauzhlin, Jr., Mrs. John S. Dickson, Mrs. W. R. Sowell, Mrs. Joseph O. Horne, Mrs. Henry R. Res. Mrs. William Walter Willock, Mrs. Frank P. Sprout, Mrs. B. F. Jones, Mrs. A. E. W. Painter, Mrs. Mark W. Watson, Mrs. Henry W. Oliver, Jr.; Mrs. George T. Robinson, Mrs. Albert R. Childs, Mrs. William H. Forsyth, Mrs. Walter, Mista Jones, Mrs. James Laughlin, Jr.; Mrs. John S. Hays, Mrs. William Ross Proc-tor, Mrs. Heys, Mrs. William Ross Proc-tor, Mrs. George Edward Painter and Mrs. James Wood. Of whom, however, all were not present. A representative committee of the younger men took charge of the dance. river is no dense that when the trees are sawed off they stand on the stumps, not having room to fall. A Swede recently sawed off seven trees and is now waiting for a wind to blow them down.

-Queensland has a tree-climbing pig. One of them was recently captured. It weighs about 100 pounds, has brown bristles, small black spots, snout and ears like a pig, but teeth like a rodent. The forefeet have hook claws and the tail is about a foot long and prehensile.

-The "Seven Golden Cities." one of the most popular legends of the latter part of the "Dark Ages," were said to be situated on an island west of the African coast. The island is represented as abounding in gold, with magnificent houses and temples, "the high towers of which shown at a great distance.

-A hitherto unknown stone has been found in the mining districts of Candelaria, in Nevada. It is of a dark-green color and in Nevada. It is of a dark-green color and takes on a very high polish, and is classed by the State Geologist as "sariscite." Sev-eral beautiful ornaments have been pro-duced from it, but so far it has not been found in any considerable quantity.

-Algeria, Spain and India, for instance, each have rivers within their borders which are compesed-not of water, but of ink. That in Algeria is water until after the main of two of its principal tributaries, one of which flows through a country strongly impregnated with iron: the other comes from a beat bog. The chemical action of the iron on the galile acid from the peat makes beautiful writing fluid.

-The Webbe Shebevli, an African river, is one of the wonders of the Dark Continent. Although it is a large, rapid, flowing river (almost as large as our own Missouri), and flows for hundreds of infles through a fertile nows for hubber reaches the sea. About 30 miles below its waters get to the point where they should mingle with those of the Indian Ocean the whole stream sinks out of sight into the sands of the desert.

RHYNKLES AND RHYMES.

MR AND MRS. DAVID RESS nave returned from Memphis, Tenn., where they have re-sided for some years. Mr. Rees, who is a son of the late Captain Rees, expects to set up an establishment in Irving place, with the intention of remaining in Pittsburg to look after the interest of the family estates. "How do you like the city?" inquired he Southside man who was giving his friend from he East a drive through the business center. "It fills my eye exactly." replied his friend, winking violently in the effort to get rid of an-Mn. WILLIAM CARNAMAN and his bride, who was Miss McKee, will be at home at Mr. Frederick McKee's honse, corner Fifth ave-nue and North Highland avenue, after Jan-

ler. - Chicago Tribune A member of the Club de Montauk Went out one cold day for a wank, The wind turned his nose To the color of rose.

And back to the Montauk did he stauk.

He (highly obnoxious)-Good evening. You remember me, I hope. She (with assumed cordiality)-Yes, perfectly. I am not one of those girls who have convenient memories, you know.-Life.

Teacher-Supposing I should cut a fish reighing nine pounds into three parts, keeping me myself, and giving one each to you and Fred-

die, what would you each get?" Dick Hicks-He would get the tail, and I the head."-Harper's Bazar.

How nice it is when you are warm, Weil fed and well protected, From summer's heat or winter's storm, And have no want neglected.

When fortune's looks are all benign, And neither care nor trial You know, to sit and drink your wine And taik of self denial?

-New York Press. Mrs. Stone-I want a new shoulder cape

Kirby Stone-A new shoulder cape? Great Scottil Don't you know I lost \$175,000 in stocks last fail? How am I ever going to get ahead if you persist in such outrageous extravagance?-Pack.

Husband-We must economize. Wife-Well, dear, what do you want me to give p?-New York Press.

Straight to the dogs I'll have to go, If winter tronsers should advance, For nearly every dog, you know, In winter time leaves off his pants.

-New York Her "Caught anything, bub?" said the man to

the lad who was fishing. "No, sir; but I'm goin' to ketch something."

son as I git home to mother."-Hitshi "How s

in life was a monster indeed, and that it was larger than any mammoth remains which have ever been discovered. It is six-teen feet from the sole of the foot to the point of the shoulder, and its length is pro-portionate with the height. It is the aim of Prof. Williston to get the specimen intact and place it by the side of the im-mense meratherium which is now the pride of the institute at this city. As this is the first mammoth remains which have been found in Kansas it excites much interest among the scientists as well as the curiosity of the general public.

New Lealand.

Alliance Lecturers in Kansas Map Out EX-GOVERNOR TAYLOR, of Tennesse Systematic Course of Instruction,

TOPERA Dec. 14 .- S. M. S. Scott, Alliance State Lecturer, is in the city and will begin

MRS. JANE ROBERTS, widow of the late

cently met with an accident while alighting

THE Czarina of Russia has received the

BEV. FATHER SWEBACH, of Prairie du

Chicago Globe, 1 The provailing temperature seems an in-

work on the course of instructions pre-pared for the Congressional and county lecturers. The work has been so system-ized that the same subjects will be discussed all over the State. The subjects for the first quarter in the The subjects for the first quarter in the new year are: January, Loans and Life In-surance; February, Fire Insurance and Co-operation; March, Grain and Live Stock Business. The State lecturers will fill the appointments in the various Congressional districts commencing next week.

The letter announcing the and was writ-ten by one of the collectors for the univer-sity, and his letter says that the remains have been almost entirely uncovered and appear to be in a fine state of preservation. The measurements show that the animal in life was a monster indeed, and that it meas have been any manuncity permains

Omahs World Herald. The Prince d'En, Dom Pedro's son-in-law, thinks the Brazilian throne is his due. But there is no Brazilian throne, so what is he going to d'En about it?