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A FARE BUYS A SEAT.

The mortality returns have not yet begun to come in from the insufficient accommodations upon our traction cars, both calle and electric, but all signs fail if they do not show up in alarming proportion before the winter is over. One might suppose that cars run every five minutes or so would do for Pittsburg traffic; yet so far from such being the case it is now true that during the busier parts of the day as many people have to hang from the straps as find seats. All the time during until January 1. The magnitude of that the long ride from the Old City to the residence suburbs, the passengers are either toasted by a hot stove in front, or chilled by breezes through the invariable open door in the rear, or, as is often the case, both processes go on simultaneously.

We are not inclined to judge the traction companies too harshly for all this up to the present. They are a new institution. The demands upon them have suddenly sprung into such enormous proportions as could not have readily been foreseen. But henceforth the public will hold them to much stricter responsibility for their service. They have enormously valuable franchises, as their great excess of profitable capitalization above cost sufficiently shows, and the first requisite of tolerable service is that they furnish seats for all passengers. The convenient straps may answer for an emergency season; but as regular accommodation, the best natured people in the world would quickly sour on them. There must be more frequent cars during the rush. Passengers cannot be packed in together like sardines for a three, four, five or six-mile ride. The simple device of hanging out a placard when full, and allowing the car to go straight on its journey, prevent overcrowding. The other will and dangerous nuisance of keeping the doors of the cars open on passengers, under the pretense that conductors have to call the streets, can be readily obviated by a simple device which, worked by the conductor from the rear platform, can exhibit within the car the name of each street as the street is approached.

It is none too early to enforce attention to the matters. The traction companies

the past few years 90.65 per cent. So long as the system can show results like this it affords the best justification for those in favor of extending its life and providing other securities to continue its circulation. But it is to be remembered, in view of the presence of an element that desires its abolition, that the strength of the national banking cause lies in the integrity of the supervision maintained by the Government and the honesty of the management of the banks themselves. If political comptrollers and examiners make the supervision lax or partial, or oneman control of the banks brings them to wreck, the argument for the maintenance of the system is destroyed. This fact has great weight in view of the disclosures of the fact that the most difficult problem in the past year, in which managers of national banks have wiped out their assets, while the process could have been arrested much earlier by an energetic and vigilant Comptroller of the Currency. Unless this fault is sharply amended supporters of the national banks will have little to say in

reply to their assailants. In short, the most dangerous enemies of the national banking system are not the Peffers and Simpsons, who openly attack it, but the Marshes, Lucases, and, there is too much reason to believe, the Lacevs, who undermine by rascality within and

RESULTS OF RECIPROCITY.

The efforts of the opposition to belittle the policy of reciprocity are reduced to the value of burned gunpowder by the statistics of trade between this country and those with which reciprocity has been negotiated. Official returns show that during the five months following the negotiation of the agreement with Brazil the exports of the United States to that country increased \$1,169,592 over the same period last year, or at the rate of nearly \$3,000,000 per annum. In two months the exports of seventeen classes of merchandise affected by the Spanish treaty governing Cuba and Puerto Rico increased \$620,876 or at the rate of \$3,600,000 per annum. This is exclusive of flour, on which the reduction of duties does not go into effect change may be judged from the facts that

it will decrease the cost of American flour in Havana nearly \$4 75 per barrel, and that orders have been placed in Baltimore for the exportation of 300,000 barrels to the Spanish West Indics immediately after January 1. By these figures it is shown that, while

the effects of the reciprocity policy are only just beginning to make themselves felt, a material increase in our trade with Southern and Central America has already made itself apparent. The showing leaves no doubt that the policy of encouraging the exchange of our products with those of the Southern countries that we cannot produce, will result in a magnificent enlargement of American commerce.

THE COMBINATION PLAN.

The action of the Central Traffic Association in arbitrarily advancing the classification of bottles in less than carload lots is an example of the methods now prevailing in the establishment of railway rates.

The old classification of this freight must have been based on justice and reason, for that has been the assertion on which this association has based its right acquisition it may cost the State Department to exist for five years past. It has claimed credit for its careful and equitable adjustment of rates, in force with satisfactory results for a number of years. But now that classification is changed without warning, and, so far, without even a pretense of assigning a valid reason. The result is that trade from the factories in less than carload lots is in peril of extinction. Of course it does not take much shrewd-

bidders in American politicians for the Canadian vote! If Canada should ever offer herself to the United States there are other points of the acquisition calculated to make us pause. The Dominion has a debt, not created like ours by a struggle for national unity, but which has steadily grown in times of peace by lavish subsidies to favored corporations to a total greater in proportion to population than the debt of United States. As an adjunct to that feature Canadian politics present a picture of the apparently invincible rule of corporate control which casts in the shade our palmtest efforts in that line. Equally serious is

Canadian politics for the past half century has been the control of one of its chief provinces by a race which, from the earliest settlement of the country, has maintained a stubborn and invincible loyalty to the French language and customs of the eighteenth century; whose sympathies are not with the New World but with the France of the Old, and whose political aims are the maintenance of French language and forms in the law and the union of Church and State. Do the United States wish to assume that debt, to add that element of corporate supremacy to its already great burden of that class, and to undertake the fusion of a race which has resisted Anglo-Saxon assimilation for a century and a half?

This is a grave question. While enthusiastic believers in manifest destiny like Mr. Carnegie may deem it insufficient to arrest the march of the Republic to Continental control, it is not indiscreet to intimate to Canada that she must work out the solution of these problems for herself before she can be adjudged worthy of matriculation into the Union.

WE are glad to learn that the Senate got itself safely adjourned on Monday. Just think of the national strain if the Senate should follow the French example and re solve itself into perpetual session through the absence of anyone to adjourn it!

THE appearance of Congressman Robinson as a candidate for the United States Sena torship adds another to the evidences of the wide scope of that gentleman's abilities to hold, or seek to hold, numerous positions The last time THE DISPATCH counted up the score Governor Hill was in the lead; but now that Mr. Robinson proposes to add to his bag of State Senator, Congressman and Pres-ident of the State League, the positions of delegate to the National Convention and United States Senator he leaves the New York pluralist far in the rear. It is not yet stated whether Robinson will try to sit in the Senate and House of Representatives at

the same time; but as he is not enough of a Senatorial candidate to hurt anything a solution to that problem need not be pressed. THE English society lady who sold her

own pearls and then accused another so ciety lady of stealing them has been successful in demonstrating her ability to eclipse the previous and rather monotonous scan dals of the English aristocracy.

SENATOR QUAY'S resolution looking toward the acquisition of the Northern States of Mexico by the United States is being sharply criticised in some quarters, and not entirely without foundation. The people of the United States may understand that such a resolution is intended only for political or mining stock advertising purposes: but the people of Mexico, who are especially sensitive on the preservation of their territory, may not take it in that way. If the Mexicans should learn of the Senator's

a good deal of trouble to preserve the friendly relations desirable for the extension of trade. MR. REED is reported to have replied to a fellow member who said there was a new deal in the House, "Yes, all dences and

trays." The ex-Speaker omitted to add that it was also a deal in which the joker does not take every trick.

LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS.

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ACTING SECRETARY SPAULDING to-day

eedings at Minneapolis in the case of

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the two paintings imported by Colone

Gross, of Minneapolis, and seized as filegal importations. The question, therefore, will be determined by the court, instead of by the Treasury Department.

AFTER the Cabinet meeting to-day Sec-

retary Blaine said there were no new devel-opments in the Chilean affair.

THE contract for the construction of the

public building at Lansing, Mich., has been awarded to N. M. Bassett, of Austin, Ill., at 88.357.

A VERY important discovery has been re-

ported to the Bureau of American Repub-lics. A mine of coal of very fair quality for

steaming purposes has been found by acci-

Fossetti, the captain of an Italian steamer.

Fossetti, the captain of an Italian steamer, was compelled to anchor in Bhagna Bay, to make some repairs, and while there he dis-covered coal very near the surface. Reaching Valparaiso he sent a corps of experts to the scene of the discovery in a steam launch, who found that the coal was not only abund-ant, but of excellent quality. The impor-rance of the discovery to the commerce of the world can only be appreciated when it is considered that all steamers passing through the Straits of Magellan are required to coal there, and that the supply has, here-tofore, been brought from Cardiff, Wales.

MRS. J. ELLEN FOSTER, of Iowa, the

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ONE WAY TO EVADE THE LAW. Bailroad Company, to Avoid Litigation

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22 .- The Sec-Retires From a Lucrative Field. retary of State has received a dispatch from the United States Consul at Laredo, saying that Captain Hardee. Third Cavalry, and TOLEDO, DEC. 22.-[Special]-The recent dis-ster on the Lake Shore in this city, by which 10 persons were fatally cooked, is the cause of a bitter fend between the Lake his troop, together with a United States Marshal, were surrounded near Ft. Mackin-tosh, Texas, by a large hody of Mexican in-Shore and Flint and Pere Marquette roads The accident was caused by an F. and P. M. engine crashing into the rear of an eastsurgents under Garza. No details are given, and it is not stated what followed the action bound Lake Shore passenger. Beside the dead 30 were budly scalded and maimed. The of the insurgents. It is therefore not known whether the Americans are at liberty or still prisoners. The matter was referred to F. and P. M.'s southern terminus was Toledo. It ran into the city from Monroe, Mich., on the Lake Shore tracks, under that comthe War Department. A telegram of in-quiry was sent to General Stanley, com-manding the department of Texas, and a the Lake Shore tracks, under that com-pany's running orders. There is a tunnel half a mile from the depot, and after passing through it the Lake Shore train stopped. The tunnel was full of smoke so the engine dashed into the rear coach before it could be stopped. Although the Coroner has not yet rendered his decision, four suits, aggregating \$100,000, have been commenced magine both the reply was received saying that he ordered troops to the scene of the reported trouble and would report later in the day. Army officials do not attach much significance to the consul's telegram. They think he was deceived by a rumor of trouble that had

Although the Coroner has not yet rendered his decision, four suits, agrrerating \$100,000 have been commenced, maning both the roads as defendants. Service was gotten by the Sheriff hast night upon the Lake Shors, but when he came to summon the F. and P. M. to-day not an official or employe could be found in the city, or even the State. Every one who was even remotely connected with the road was summarily discharged last night. Not an F. and P. M. ticket can be doning its vast Toledo interests the Lake Shore loses 25,000 carloads of freight per year, heside the passenger traffic of the Sazinaw Valley and Northern Michigan. The F. and P. M. Stuture terminals will be Monroe and Detroit, and its business will be turned over THE conversion of trade dollar bullion into standard silver dollars was completed to-day. The ccinage of standard silver dollars is therefore at an end unless a change shall be made in the policy of the Treasury Department through Congressional enact Department through Congressional enact-ment or otherwise. Mr. Leach, Director of the Mint, said to-day that while he was not authorized to speak of the future silver pol-icy of the department, there is scarcely any doubt that the colnage of standard silver dollars will be continued at the San Fran-cisco and Carson City mints in amounts suf-ficient to meet the necessities of the service. He estimated this at \$100,000 a month for each mint. Detroit, and its business will be turned over to the Lake Shore.

DALZELL OR ROBINSON.

ACTING SECRETARY CHANDLER has It seems to be generally understood in the West that Magee is now helping Dalzell in his Senatorial fight to keep down any new opponents of Quay.-Harrisburg Patriot. reversed the action of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in rejecting list No. 1 of indemnity school selections of about 2.600 acres made by the State of South

tor. The more the merrier. The year 1892 is going to be a great one for all-around poli-

do the voting will not be elected until next fall, but in the meantime there will be a good deal of Chinese pyrotechnics on the part of Robinson and Dalzell, while Quay

SENATOR CHANDLER to-day introduced a bill to amend the act to regulate the car Dalzell has firmly announced his candiriage of passengers at sea, so as to provide that in future it shall be unlawful for any acy for the Senate and Quay may be regerded as in the field, although he says he is not a candidate. There will be lively times in Allegheny, but the Dalzell boom is too thin to cover the State.—Scranton Repubsteamship company to bring passenger from any foreign country unless suitable accommodations for the comfort of the pas-sengers have been provided,

FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GEN-Congressman Dalzell having announced ERAL WHITFIELD has received information that during the last several weeks the post his candidacy for the United States Senate, it was one of the most natural things in the master at Baird, Calahan county, Texas, has kept a Confederate flag floating over his office. While hardly crediting the report, General Whitfield has written the post-master for the facts in the case, and an exworld for Congressman Jack Robinson, of the Delaware-Chester district, to announce his candidacy for the same position .- Meadville Tribune.

Mr. Dalzell's candidacy is distinctly anti-Quay, and he will be supported by those who hold the view that Senator Quay ought not to be returned. With "Jack" Robinson in the field the contest becomes triangular and several counties are yet to be heard from.-Erie Dispatch.

Congressman Dalzell has announced that he is in the race for the caucus nomination and now Congressman Jack Robinson de-clares himself an aspirant for the honorable office. Each of these is a political fighter who never cries "Hold, enough!" What will the outcome be?- Chambersburg Spirit.

Congressman Dalzell announces his "will ngness" to accept the distinguished honor. and now it is reported that Congressma "Jack" Robinson, who fought so hard to defeat Dalzell in the race for the League Presidency, will buckle on his armor and confront his old foe again .- Williamsport Gazette.

A Sure Way to Enjoy Christmas Detroit Free Press.

One of the surest ways in which to enjoy this Christmas season is to see that others en joy it.

A Christmas Present For Chile Chigago Tribune.]

It is barely possible that Uncle Sam's Christmas present to Chile may be a nice fat, juicy ultimatum.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Billiards were invented in the reign of King Charles IX in France.

-Death records show that married men live longer than bachelors.

-Two blue gum trees in Australia meas-ure 435 and 450 feet in height. -In Austria women are employed as hod

carriers and are paid at the rate of 25 cents a day.

-Cricket was played under the name of "club ball" as early as the fourteenth cen

-The greatest plague ever known visited Naples in 1655 and carried off 380,000 people in 28 weeks.

who only know boliday goods by a shore -Tiger bones are used as a medicine in window view, explained this to themselve China, where they are supposed to possess tonic qualities.

-St. Paul's Cathedral will hold 26,000 people and Sf. Peter's in Rome has accom-modation for 54 000.

-Nearly an average of 5,000 patent med. icines are put on the market every year, but less than 100 survive.

-The trip up Pike's Peak is said to be too much for one out of every 200 people on account of the rarified air.

-The Irish Parliament existed for over 300 years. It was extinguished in 1801 at the time of the union with Great Britain.

-There is a strong flow of natural gas in the Ventura river. When lighted, it is said, the flames extend over a space eight feet

-London contains about 220,000 foreigners. The Germans number 65,000, Americans 50,000, French 30,000, Datch 15,000, Poles 12,000, Italians 8,000 and Swiss 5,000.

-American travelers have become so numerous in Portugal that some of the shop-keepers in the cities display this sign in their windows: "American Spoken Here."

-The total number of clergy of the Church of England is about 23,000. If we in-clude the clergy in the Colonies and those engaged in missionary fields, the total is swelled to 27,050.

-A country parson in England has written 125,000 begging letters. His wife has sent as many as 11,000 and his children a few thousand more. About one person in 50 re-sponded, one to the amount of \$25,000.

-It is estimated that 100,000,000 of the Chinese people are engaged in the culture, preparation, sale, carriage and exportation of tea, and their interests are adversely af-fected by the rivalry of other conutries.

-With the aid of compressed air, a German military engineer drives cement to the bottom of a stream, the water at once hardens it, and the bed of the stream be-comes stable enough for foundation pur-DOSES.

-Previous to July, 1871, when the system was abolished, a commission in the British army could be purchased at the following prices: Cornet or ensign, £430: Hentenant, £700; captain, £1.800; major, £3,200; Hentean-ant colonel, £4,500.

-A peculiar animal was killed in Oregon the other day. It is not a coon nor a pole-cat, neither is it a wildcat or a cougar, but it looks like a mixture nor combination of all of them. Its teeth are long and sharp and its tail somewhat resembles a hog's car. -One of the wonders of Australia and

one of the greatest natural curiosities in the world is the Mount Morgan gold mine in Queensland. The precious metal contained in this mine, which has paid a dividend of not less than \$6,00,000 in a year, was depo-ited by a hot spring.

-The latest fad in the West is a shoe party. They stretch a sheet across the room and the ladies stand behind it and stick their feet under it so you can only see their shoes. Then you go along and pick out a pair of shoes and the lady who is in them you take down to supper.

-The Burmese women are great personages and play a great part in their house-holds. They choose their own husbands and divorce them when they like, retaining their own property and all that they have earned: they are at liberty to marry again whether as widows or divorcees.

-In the new works of the Pirzus-Athens Railway station the marble head of a woman ins been found, of good workmanship. It wears a diadem, and the features are very finely carved. It is thought to belong to a headless statue iound ou this site in the city a little time ago.

-There are 2.000 Italians in London who serve in the Italian cafes and restaurants. In some of these they have to pay for the

A little circumlocution and several dollars spent, for ribbons, which the purchaser is now wondering to what use he will put them, revealed a phase of the Christmas season that is as novel as it is general. "Not a bit of it," said the young lady, ora-torically. "It isn't people's own purchases that they return: its duplicated Christmas presents that they have received from triends. Either they don't like the gift, or they have already a similar present given by some one else. You can see for yourself that a person with a large circle of friends is sure to find herself-my knowledge refers to women-in the possession on Christmas to women-in the possession on Christman morning of half a dozen things exactly the

morning of half a dozen things exactly the same. Evidently she doesn't care a particle for the friendly sentiment in the matter: in fact I don't think sentiment enters into the inind often of the women ofto-day. She looks at things from a thoroughly utilitarian point of view, and, accordingly, without a bit of remorse, returns the selection of her friend to the store it came from and gets its value in something else. There's not a day passes now we don't have inquiries as to whether articles have been bought here of not." "I don't remember," said the young

HOLIDAY TOKENS.

led Christmas Presents Rei

for Value Received -Dr. King Gives a

Coming Out Ball for Bis Daughter at

THERE'S a certain ominous card makes its

ppcarance in some of the shops at Xmas

NO

HOLIDAY GOODS

EXCHANGED.

And which affects the spirits of women

shoppers as disastrously as does a month's attack of the grip. The unsophisticated,

the Duquesne Club-Chit Chat.

time which reads thus:

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"I don't remember," said the young lady, "excepting on one occasion, of a man ever returning a Christmas pres-ent. His head was as baid as his face was bare, and it had never raised a hair in its life. He had received a shaving set as a Christmas present, and as it had come from a very dignified old friend, he conjectured that here had been a mistake. Our mark was on it, and he came, looking rather shameful, to ask to have it replaced. I didn't change it either, but, instead, worked on the old man's vanity and expec-tations so that he bought several other things. Among them was a pair of curling tongs for his musiache, which, I assured him, was evidently in a state of incipiency."

MISS NINA KING, daughter of Dr. C. B. King, one of the prominent medical practi-tioners of Allegheny, was introduced to

society last night under the chaperonage o her father, and her sister, Mrs. Thomas Bakeweil. The Duquesne Club was chosen Bakewell. The Duquesne Club was chosen as most suitable for the blossoming forth of this charming young bud. The ball room was prepared for her coming with evergreens and the seasonable holly. A private dining room was also decorated handsomely; on the table, which was not concealed by any cloth, was a vase of roses resting in ferns and bordered with holly. The decorations were by A. M. and J. B. Murdoch, and were tastefully arranged. Though debutantes have been the recipients of many dinners, dances and theater parties, the ball for Miss King last night was the first formal introduction of a debutante this senson. Society was largely represented in spite of the bad "eather. A guest of honor at the ball was Miss Louise Dewey, of Connecticut, a school friend of the young lady, who thus successfully made her bow to Pittsburg's polite world. The brilliant dressing observable at Pitts-burg functions obtained to a great degree in the Assembly Hall, in which was to be found the most representative people of society. Miss King was attired in an im-ported white gown made a la mode and adorned with looping of lilies of the valley. Her friend, Miss Dewey, a decided blonde, wore white China silk. Mrs. Bake-well wore a handsome white erening toilet. Elaborate black gowns of much elegance were by A. M. und J. B. Murdoch, and were

other in green.

Mrs. Dr. John Andrews

window view, explained this to themselves long ago as referring to the return of goods by the dissatisfied shopper, who may have bought them in holiday time. A remark dropped by the usually discreet young woman at the ribbon cointer of a draper and haberdashers establishment, cleared the mists away from the understanding of a macculine ignoramus. "Do yon know," she said to a customer in that undertone which is the established coin current nsed in the interchange of knowledge between two femi-nine ladies. Mrs. — brought in the loveliest burnished dressing case she had got for Christmas and wanted me to give her some-thing else because she had aiready two others. Thank goodness, it wasn't bought here, so I didn't lave to refuse her out and out. All the same, lots of that will be done before these blessed holidays are over, as we don't intend to make an exchance under any circumstances. Don't you think that any circumstances. Don't you think that woman was in a hurry? Four days before Christmas! A little circumlocution and several dollars

Congressman Jack Robinson announces himself a candidate for United States Senatics.-Harrisburg Telegraph. The members of the Legislature who will

will fish in Florids .- Johnstown Tribune.

Dakota upon the ground that the selections are not made within the limits of the land district in which the losses occur. The Acting Secretary holds that the express pur-pose of the act of February 23, 1891, was to remove the restriction requiring lands se-lected to be within the same district, and he therefore directs that the list be submitted

must have regard to the comfort and health of their patrons. It will cost them a little money-perhaps also some trouble at the start-but in the end it will work to their benefit, as the better their service the more thickly and profitably will be settled the territory through which they run

If the traction companies do not themselves take the matter in hand, public opinion will soon compel Councils to establish by ordinance the necessary provisions.

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS.

A highly sensational libel case was yesterday finished in the London courts by Sir Charles Russell, counsel for the plaintiff, publicly withdrawing upon being privately convinced that his client was pressing a bogus claim. To those who permit themselves to doubt as to the duty of a lawyer when he is certain his client's claims are false or unjust, the example of Sir Charles should be instructive. It is not much the custom of our lawyers to withdraw from cases once undertaken, yet that method has its advantages for the lawyer who occasionally adopts it. It impresses jurors and the public with a belief in the honesty of the advocate who will abandon rather than press a groundless suit.

Of course the skeptical will say that Sir Charles felt pretty sure of defeat when he abandoned his client's cause, but that is merely imputing an unworthy motive. The idea should rather be promulgated as the true standard of professional ethics that every lawyer, respecting himself and the court, should do as Sir Charles did when he discovers he has been led into unworthy and discreditable litigation.

FOES OF NATIONAL BANKS.

The meeting of Congress produces from ultra-Democratic and Farmers' Alliance statesmen the usual grist of measures to abolish national banks. At present these measures are decidedly supererogatory. If there is no further legislation that feature of the national bank system objected to by this class-namely, the issue of circulating notes on the security of Government bonds-will gradually abolish itself by the retirement of Government bonds. The national bank circulation is now about one-third of its volume a decade and a half ago, and the same process will extinguish the circulation entirely if kept up.

A large class of people know the effect of the national banking system on commerce at large and wish to retain it or its equivalent. The system was established to help float the Government in the time of war. Experience in the 25 years of peace, however, has proved that its value as a mainstay to business is greater than its aid to the finances of a struggling Government. The great strength of the national banking system is: first, to its democratic organization, for while the ignorant represent it as a centralized organization one bank is really as independent of another as a drygoods merchant of his competitor; second, the solvency and stability secured by the national banking law and the supervision established under it. Statistics show that under this system for twenty-nine years not more than 314 per cent of the national hanks have become insolvent, while the loss to creditors of the entire system has averaged only onetwentieth of one per cent of the total liahilities. The banks which have failed during the existence of the system have naid to creditors 74.17 per cent, and during tion there would be among the highest

ness to guess that the change was inspired by some interest which seeks to make the buyers of less than carloads pay tribute to the large purchasers who get the benefit of the carload rate instead of ordering direct from factories. But whatever the explanation, it is a fresh commentary on the system of fixing rates by combination order instead of by the officials of the railroads interested in the development of the traffic.

THE QUESTION ON OUR SIDE. Andrew Carnegie has given a new fillip

to a familiar subject by writing to a Canadian who tried to interest him in a manufacturing project that "when the foreign colony of Canada recognizes its destiny and becomes a part of the American Union, it will be time enough to consider the investment of capital there by Americans. This natural union of the English speaking people of the American continent would double the value of everything in Canada, including the men of Canada." This radical expression was to be expected from the author of "Triumphant Democracy." Possibly, too, the opinion will find an echo in the private conviction of a large element of the Canadian people. Many thinking men in Canada. while not ready to take the attitude of annexationists, are wont in private to state their helief that the union of Canada

to the United States will come when this country wishes it. But the question is still a live one whether the United States really wishes Canada under the circumstances which must prevail in the union. Everyone recognizes that Canada pre-

sents a better basis for consolidation and apprexation than any other acquisition the United States could make. The addition to our territory of countries to the south peopled by an alien race hardly to be assimilated with our institutions has little attraction for thoughtful citizens. But Canada is mainly peopled by a race closely akin to ours. Her institutions trace their origin to the same source, and the majority of her population speak the same language. There would be better hope of real assimilation in the Canadian acquisition than in any other project of territorial expansion. But nevertheless there are aspects of the case which, if the United States Government were offered the free possession of Canada, call for careful consideration before acceptance.

One has been suggested by Canadian commentators which, while seemingly of slight value in such a connection, may have great weight in determining the action of this Government. Are the politicians of either party in the United States willing to take the chances of adding an enormous vote to our suffrage without the slightest knowledge of how that vote will be cast? If the bulk of the Canadian vote went to one party or the other, the supremacy of that party would be overwhelming. It is history that the effect on national politics of the creation of new States has for many years been the controlling motive in the admission of the territories. But in this case neither the divisions of Canadian politics nor the expressions of Canadian opinion afford any basis for judgment as to which side the Canadian people would take in our politics. When actually confronted with this great leap in the dark will either party have the courage to take

MR. STANFORD, having been sworn in. proceeds to introduce a bill "to provide the Government with means sufficient to supply the want of a sound circulating media This indicates the many millioned Senator's belief that the Government does not now supply a sound circulating medium; in which case it is pertinent to say that if there is any unsoundness it is because Senator Stantord and his friends have loaded the Treasury with stacks of silver. It will be interesting to wait for the full text of the bill and see what the Stanford idea of a sound circulating medium is-when he is hunting a Presidental nomination.

GOVERNOR PATTISON and Governo Russell have both qualified as marksmen in the National Guard. Are we to take this as typical of their hopes to hit the Presidental target in the bull's eye?

IT is a mitigation that the lottery wing of the Louisiana Democracy is trying to dis-avow the ownership by that gambling con-cern of the organization. The Democratic leaders point to the absence of any resolu-tion indorsing the scheme from their platform, and even claim that their two leading candidates are anti-lottery men. This con veys the comforting assurance that there is a popular feeling against the lottery which even the lottery mon must try to hoodwink.

THE Congressional funeral by its ostentation, extravagance and incongruity is furnishing the strongest arguments for its own

THE driver of a pie wagon in Chicago the other day drove in the road of a United States mail wagon and answered the remests of the latter's driver to get out of the way with derisive protanity. Now he is confronted with a fine of \$50 and costs for obstructing the mails. The American pie is nowerful, but it has got to yield the road to he expedition of the mails

A NATURALLY dark day in Pittsburg only emphasizes the lact that it is not much carker than a bright day with the smoke added.

THE statement that a Chinese Commissioner has arrived in this country to investigate the possibilities of a Chinese exhibit at Chicago, indicates that the former report of a decision by the Chinese Government not to make an exhibit on account of the legislation against Chinamen, was another effor of the international fake factory.

THE last Chilean war rumor abandons the mob story completely, and starts on an entirely new line. Variety is the spice of

THE plaintiff in a Connecticut lawsuit got up the other morning at balf-past three to drive 14 miles to court and got there in time to learn that he was non-suited for fail ing to appear when his case was called. The out roads must rival the system of Pennsylvania in the diligence with which they have not been made and cared for

Destitute Hebrews Detained.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Seventy Russian Hebrews, who arrive I on the French steamship La Gascogne, are detained at the barge office because they are destitute. They came from Paris, where the Hebrew Society had been caring for them for several months. The society originally intended to send them to the Argentine Republic, but learn-ing that the Russhin emigrants who had gone there were not getting on, it was de-cided to ship them to this port. They will probably be sent back. from Paris, where the Hebraw Society had

Comedians Gathered Together.

A number of America's most prominent ctors will be under the same roof this atternoon. Joseph Jefferson, Nat Goodwin and Lonis James, with sevenal other pro-fessional lights, have engaged boxes for the matinee performance of Stuart Robson in "Sne Strops to Conquer."

the Plumb obsequies at the Senate Chamber yesterday. She laid aside her fur coat, and, when the ceremonies were concluded, walked down to the gallery railing to obtain a closer view of the distinguished assembly apon the floor of the Senate, When she re turned she discovered that her pocketbook turned she discovered that her pocketbook, containing over \$100 and a diamond cross valued at \$1,000, had been pilfered from her cost. No clew has been discovered to the perpetrator of the villainy, and no such out-rage ever before occurred in the Senate upon such an occasion. No persons were admitted to the galleries except upon cards from Senators, and it was presumed, of course, that only ladies and gentlemen of standing were in the vicinity.

IT TOOK OFF HIS HAIR.

The Grip Has a Peculiar Effect Upon an Ind:an Man.

FRANKLIN, IND., Dec. 22 .- This morning, Frank Smiley, who up to a year ago was in usiness here and who now resides in Indianapolis, dropped into town. No one knew him. The Frank Smiley whom every one knew had a full beard and mustache, and had a thick growth of hair. The apparent stranger who came to-day had an er tirely bald head, smooth face, no eyelashe

He told this story: "Not long ago I had a severe attack of la grippe. Mc head roared constantly. One morning, while at the din-ner table, I noticed that some hairs had ner table, I noticed that some hairs had fallen into my plate. I put my hand to my mustache and it fell off in bunches. I next put my hand to my head and my hair fell out in the same way. I went to a barber and he rubbed a solution on my head, but in-stead of helping it he rubbed every remain-ing hair off. My beard, eyelashes and eye-brows came out in the same manner, and I have not had a shave since. But my head-ache has left me, and I never felt better in my life."

The United States Act The Fashion. st. Louis Globe-Dem e at.]

In reciprocity treaties the United States has set the fashion for the world. Europe is doing something in that line now, but no on so large a scale as this country.

PEOPLE EVERYBODY KNOWS.

MR. JAMES GORDON BENNETT is a quest of Prince Bismarck at Freideriche ruhe

COLONEL DAVID B. SICKLES, late United States Minister to Siam, is going about this country on a lecture tour. EX-SENATOR EDMUNDS, who is making

short stay in Washington, says he has been promoted from politics to private life. THE three men most sought in Washing-

ton are said to be Catchings, Montgomery and O'Ferrall who engineered Crisp's cam-

FANNY DAVENPORT, the actress, is con fined to her room, in Detroit, with rheuma tism and her company went on without he to Buffalo.

PROF. SIMON NEWCOMB is making ar rangements for the publication of a forecast of the positions of the planets in the heavens for the next century.

THE venerable Archbishop Kenrick is seriously ill. He has been suffering ever since the celebrating of his jubilee several weeks ago and seems to be growing worse. LYMAN J. GAGE, President of the First

National Bank, of Chicago, and the first President of the Board of Directors of the World's Columbian Exposition, is seriously

THE Duke of Devonshire, who died at Holker Hall, Milnethorpe, Monday night, owned 183,000 acres of land, lying in fourteen unties. The rent roll of his estate amount to over 170,000 pounds per year.

SECRETARY ELKINS, who is in New York City, was informed of his confirmatio by the Senate, yesterday afternoon, by a telegram from the President. As he has ar-ranged to spend the Christmas holidays with his family, at Eikins, West Virginia, it is supposed he will not assume his new duties until New Years Day, or soon after.

Word was received at Steubenville Mor tay morning of the death of Mrs. Dr. John Andrews at her home near Columbus, aged 87 years Her mother, Mrs. Lord, was a remarkable woman Her mother, Mrs. Lord, was a remarkable woman, and her daughter largely inherited her qualities, Over 60 years ago she was married to Dr. John An-drews, President of the Jefferson branch of the Bank of Ohio. He afterward became President of the State Bank of Ohio, and as such removed to Columbus. Salmon P. Chase. Secretary of War, urged on Dr. Andrews the position of Comptroller of the Currency, and both Chase and Stanton turned to Mr. Andrews for financial advice, as do members of the Cabinet to John Sherman to-day. Seven children were born to the couple, but only three survive. One is Abner L. Andrews, formerly Secretary to Governor, then President Hayes.

John Davies, Mining Expert

John Davies, one of the best known min-ing experts in the West, died in Chicago Monday night of pneumonia. Mr. Davies had made and lost several fortunes in Colorado aud California, and died almost penniless. He was the original owner of the Little Chief mine, near Leadville, which he sold some ten years ago for \$50,000. It was afterward sold again for \$5,000,000. There is not a miner in the West who has not heard of the great poker game at Leadville, in which Davies got up from the table \$30,000 loser. The next night he sat down and not only recovered his losses but won \$50,000 on top of it. He gave large sums of money to charitable societies. John Davies, one of the best known mit

John McLaughlin.

John McLaughlin, aged 54 years, died of John McLaughin, aged of years, died of Bright's disease at his home in Hollidaysburg yes-terday. He was an officer in the army that quelled the Mormon Rebellion in Utah in 1857; prospected in California, and was a contractor in the building of the Northern Pacific Railroad during the Civil War. He was a member of a construction corps and built ordiges and forts for the Union forces in Tennessee. He leaves a wife and six children.

Baron Wedel Yarlsbury.

Oscar, Baron Wedel Yarlsbury, of Chris-Oscar, baron wedel Yarisbury, of Chris-tiana, Norway, died in a barn at Albert Lea, Minn., Monday. He was a young man and was known there as Oscar Wedel. A few days ago came information of the death of his father and his own succession to the barony. A remittance of \$5,600 accompanied the letter. The new baron at once went on a spree, which ended in his death,

Prof. C. Wilbur, Geologist.

Painter and Mrs. James Wood. Thus second of the three dances at the Lin-den Club is on Friday evening (New Year's night), with these society women as patron-esses: Mrs. J. Ernest Schwartz. Mrs. Henry M. Bailey, Mrs. Joseph R. Woodwell, Mrs. George W. Dilworth, Mrs. James W. Brown, Mrs. William N. Frew, Mrs. William Scott, Mrs. Henry L. Bughman, Mrs. W. Howard Nimick, Mrs. James M. Schoonmaker. It will be the holiday cotilion and likely to be the largest and most brilliant of the series. Prof. C. Wilbur, the well-known geolo gist and mine expert, died in Aurora, Ill., Monday night, in his 63d year. Prof. Wilbur was a geolo-gist of considerable eminence. He was a praduate of Williams College and a classmate of the late President James A. Garfield. He was also a pro-fessor in Hiram College. series.

Elizabeth Hamilton Wallace.

JUDGING from the demand for tickets at Mellor & Hoene's music store yesterday, it is evident that Old City Hall will be well Elizabeth Hamilton Wallace, wife of Dr. T. C. Wallace, died of typhoid fever yesterday morning at her home in Allegheny. She was very prominent in church and charity work: was the mother of Rev. Edwin S. Wallace, of Aberdeen, S.D., and Dr. W. A. Wallace, of Callery Junction. patronized at the presentation of "Messiah" next Thursday evening. The concert prom-ises to be a success and the occasion angurs another laurel in the wreath of the Mozart Cinb.

A'ennder Dempster, Jr.

Alexander Dempster, Jr., a promising Alexander Dempster, dr., a promising son of the President of the Pittsburg Coal Com-pany, died at the residence of his father at Euclid and Stanton avenues, yesteruay afternoon, after a brief illness. He was in his 18th year. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow after

Obituary Notes.

BISHOP FREPPEL, the noted clerical leader the French Chamber of Deputies, is dead,

MATHIAS SCHUCK, one of the oldest residents o Mifflin township, died last night in his 7ist year. MES. CAPTAIN WILLIAM M. JORDAN died at he nome in Mt. Pleasant yesterday evening. Funera

Miss Louisz FREDERICK, of Chicora, will be the guest of Miss Annie Fielding during the holidays. MITCHELL LAPAILLA, a peteran of two war and an old steamboat mate, died at the Louisville City Hospital yesterday morning. He was well known in the South.

DISTRICT FOREMAN D. H. PEW, of the South western Penusylvania pipe lines at Washington, Pa., died very unexpectedly of pneumonia yester-day morning. Mr. Pew was well known through-ont all the oil fields. They Got Lost in the Woods and Sat on :

REV. WILLIAM ADDY, D.D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Marietta, O., for 21 years part, and one of the most eminent divines of the denom-ination in the state, died last night from the effects of the grip, aged 35 years.

of the grip, aged 35 years. JOHN C. W EST, one of the best known G. A. R. men in Untontown, died there Monday night of nervous prostration, aged 60 years. The deceased was a member of the ambulance corps of the Army of the Potomac, and was its second licutemant.

DE. HENRY SCHOENE died at his home, in Zane ville, Sunday, aged 65. He was a learned man in every sense, but made his fortune as a manufact-urer of patent medicines. He made two dying re-questa-that no oblivary be printed and shat his funeral should be strictly private and without re-herone earsmony.

well wors a handsome white evening toilet. Elaborate black gowns of much elegance marked a little group of matrons, including Mrs. Stewart Johnson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Mur-doch, Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Kennedy. Miss Ruth Bailey wore a dainty toilette of pink. Miss Stella Haya wore white satin. Miss Julia Watson's gown was an extremely pretty one, green being the shade of the silk and admirably suited to this young lady, who is proving herself a belle of the season. The Misses Oliver were attired in pretty coming-out dresses; the one in pink and the privilege, and in others they receive nothing in direct wages, but they are fed at the cost of the proprietor and recoup themselves in the tips. A smart man in a well-frequented street earns about \$20 a week. -The Municipal Commissioner of Baroda has published a namphlet, in which he advocates the inoculation of the blood serum of the common weasel as a cure of snake bite. This animal is, he contends, proof against the poison of snake bites, from which it never suffers in the slightest de-gree, and attacks and kills any snake it comes across.

CHARLES DONNELLY, Treasurer of the -For several years a pair of storks built Roselia Foundling Asylum, makes the foltheir nest annually in the park of the Castle Ruhelebin, in Berlin. A few years ago one of the servants placed a ring with the name lowing request: "As the Christmas season approaches, and the hearts of many are gladdened by the reception of beautiful gifts expressive of tender love and kind re-membrance, let us not forget those helpless orphans sheltered in the Rosella Foundling of the place and date on the leg of the male bird, in order to be certain that the same bird returned each year. Last year the stork came back to its customary place, the bearer of two rings. The second one bore the inscription: "India sends greeting to Germany. Asylum and Maternity Hospital This in Asylum and Maternity Hospital. This in-stitution is wholly dependent upon the pub-lie. Contributions, no matter how small, will be gratefully received at the asylum, corner of Cliff and Gum streets, and will largely aid in making the little ones com-fortable and happy. Germany.

coming-out dresses; the one in pink and the

Social Chatter.

COUNTRY GIELS HUNT COONS.

Log Many Hours.

CLARRSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 22.-A crowd of

ively Preston county girls, daughters of

prominent citizens, got up a "hen" coon nunting party this week and started out

-The Spaniards are the most expert smokers in the world. A Spaniard takes a heavy pull at his cigarette, inhales it, takes up a wine skin, or wine bottle, pours a half pint down his throat, holding the vessel a loot from his mouth and not spilling a drop, and then with a sigh of satisfaction closes his eyes and exhales the smoke from his nose and mouth in clouds. He will also in-hale the smoke, converse for a few minutes in a natural manner, and then blow out the

Social Chatter. THE second of the Pittsburg cotillon series at the club theater on Monday evening. The mangine committee is Mr. Robinson, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Frank Willock and Mr. Singer, and the patronesses are: Mrs. George Jones, Mrs. Alexander Laughlin, Jr., Mrs. Joseph O. Horne, Mrs. Henry R. Rea, Mrs. William Walter Willock, Mrs. Frank P. Sproul, Mrs. B. F. Jones, Mrs. A. E. W. Painter, Mrs. Mark W. Watson, Mrs. Henry W. Oliver, Jr., Mrs. William H. Singer, Mrs. Park Painter, Mrs. George T. Robinson, Mrs. Attert H. Childs. Mrs. William H. Forsyth, Mrs. Walter L. McClintock, Mrs. John H. Rickatson, Mrs. James B. Oliver, Mrs. John Mrs. Walter L. McClintock, Mrs. John H. Nirks Walter L. Mrs. John S. Hiyes, Mrs. William Ross Proctor, Mrs George Edward Painter and Mrs. James Wood. The second of the three dances at the Lin--There are 1,500,000,000 cigarettes smoked throughout the United Kingdom every year. The paper used for rolling them is exceedingly thin, the quantity rethem is exceedingly thin, the quantity re-quired to make 300 only weighing one ounce. Sixteen medium-sized cigaretres weigh one ounce. Twelve cigaretre papers can be cat out of a sheet of ordinary note paper-or 48 out of a folio sheet-which in bulk would represent 31,250 000, or 130 208 quires, or 65,104 reams of imperial folio, as the annual con-sumption of paper for cigarettes.

RHYNKLES AND RHYMES.

Janitor-Less noise, there! The old genleman in the next room is trying to read, but can't.

Young Snippit-Why doesn't he spell it out, hen? I could read before I was 6 years old.-Puck.

She smiles-a pleasant thought Across her mind doth creep, The holidays will herald in the fhe holidays will heap. Glorious year of leap. -New York Herald.

"There's a limit to my endurance," said the old gentleman to his son who had applied for

A PARTY of young ladies and men who were Miss Stella Hay's guests, at a dinner given by her at the Pittsburg Club for Miss Julia Watson, afterward attended the ball at the Duquesne Club. "Yes, father," replied the conscienceless y "but I thought I would speak to you about raising the limit, you know."-Washington Star.

She-Imitation seal jackets are going up. He-Humph! When they're on other won hey're generally run down.-New York Press.

Tux third dance of the Orinda Cotillon at the Linden Clubhouse on next Tuesday night. The dates of the remaining dances will be declared on that evening. The rose and the chrysanthemum, The aster and the golden-rod-The clamor still about them reigns

MASTER ASHLEY CHALFANT, of Moorewood street, has issued invitations for an even-ing party, in honor of his birthday, on De-cember 31. As in our daily walk we plod.

"What is your favorite flower, my dear?" The other shook her dainty head, A merry twinkle in her eyes-

"Buck wheat this time of year, " she said. -Philadelphia Press.

Pat-Sure, sorr, the coal's come. Employer-Well, what of it? Pat-Oi doan't know phat to do wid it. Th'fur-nace ain't big enough to hould more than a hof av it.-Hurper's Buzar.

oubledollar! It's Satsuma, isn't it?" "No; I think the shopkeeper told John it was spanese."- Brooklyn Eagle.

a Dall When man is young and blood is warm

- Of wisdom naught he recks. But yields himself to every charm-A lover of the sex.
- When old he studies self-command,
- The narrow path elects: All merriment as sinful brands-A lover of the sects, New Fork Herold.

holidays. THE Alhambra Club dances at the Monon gabela House on Christmas night. A nowLING match comes off at the Linden Club on Monday evening next. THE Allegheny Club dances this week at

"What a lovely vase you have, Mrs.

Bulfinch-Miss Smilax has simply a won-

hunting party this week and started out with four dogs, two guns, two axes and a wagon load of provisious, promising to cap-ture every coon in the county. They did not return by night, and their parents, becoming alarmed, organized a searching party and had to beat the woods until midday Thursday, when they found them all sitting on a log crying. They got food, and had not captured even one coon. derful memory. Wooden-Why, what proof has she given of it? Bullnch-Why I met her at a supper last night and she not only reminded me about our being en-gaged last summer, but gave me a number of the details.-Boston Courier.

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