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MAKING MARGINS WIDE ENOUGH, The demands of the Chiefs of Depart-

ments for the coming year are evidently made with ideas of Christmas generosity rather than upon serious expectation of Councils granting them. Chief Brown wants nearly \$100,000 more for the fire bureau, and Chief Bigelow asks an increase of over \$500,000 for public works. These estimates will of course have to be cut down. The public will not stand an increase of millage-nor should any be demanded-and the increase of valuation from new buildings and enhanced values over last year will of itself not be nearly great enough to carry the load.

While on this valuation business, and before the Assessors have made any report to signify their line of proceeding, it is well to understand the principle which will govern public judgment of their work. There will be a legitimate swelling of the total of the valuations by reason of tangible and perceptible improvements during the year. This is a perfectly proper item. It results from and indicates the growth of the city. But if any arbitrary increase is attempted on last year's valua-tion—a general leveling up with a view merely to make an ostensibly low millage rate-it will be hotly opposed. In all cases where improved property is renting for no more than last year, or unimproved property is selling for no more, the owners will of course kick vigorously against paying on a higher valuation.

Whether the money comes from high millage on a low valuation, or low millage on a high valuation, makes in short no difference to the taxpayer out of whose pocket it comes.

A detailed examination of the estimates later on will show that the pruning knife not only may, but must, be taken vigorously in hand if the taxes for '92 are not to be increased—and the programme for increase is one which the Councilmen who wish to retain their seats at City Hall will not seriously advocate.

The Chiefs ask for all they think they might get; but they will be astonished to find out how much less they can do with when they have to. The budget is framed with margin wide enough to allow free · trimming.

AN INDEFINITE CHARGE.

The period of uncertainty with regard to the Internal Revenue Collectorship ended vesterday with the removal of Mr. Warmcastle on the general ground of neglect of duty. The remaining agony over the appointment of his successor will be protracted until after Congress reas-

This disposition of the case will not create an impression favorable to the administration in Pittsburg. The broad allegation of negligence specifies no definite acts or omissions which call for discipline, and leaves entirely unsettled the indefinite rumors as to what actually furnishes the pretext for this action. Warmcastle's wide circle of friends will refuse to accept such an indefinite allegation as any ground for decreasing their confidence in his integrity and ability, and will not be blamed for believing that the charges rested on such slight foundations as to necessitate this hazy specification. In spite of hints from official sources to the contrary, the general belief here is that the negligence most fatal to Warmeastle's official tenure was his failure to furnish the brand of political activity desired by the President.

A PRECEDENT FOR IT.

Representative Lind, of Minnesota, has drawn down upon his head sarcastic com-ments by introducing a resolution looking toward negotiations between the United States and Canada by which the former shall aid the latter in deepening the Welland and St. Lawrence canals so as to give a twenty-one foot channel from the lakes to the seaboard.

This formulation of the idea that the United States shall aid in building ship canals through the country of another Government evokes sharp remarks from the Eastern press largely at the expense of Mr. Lind's mentality. It does seem as if a project for the United States to help foreign canals ought to be enough to condemn it: but unfortunately it is in line with other and more notorious schemes of the

same character. Exactly this idea is embodied in the proposition urged by a large share of the press and politicians of the nation that the United States shall lend its credit for the construction of a ship canal through the territory of the foreign Government of Nicaragua, one thousand miles away from the nearest border of the United States. and where, by the nature of the case, at the outbreak of war the canal will be the property of the strongest naval power. Indeed Lind's is the more modest proposi tion of the two, for it does not provide that the United States shall guarantee to the Canadian canals a sum in excess of

the estimated cost of the work. If Lind had urged in addition that the United States should lend the Canadian canals a sum 50 per cent greater than the engineer's estimates it would be an exact parallel to the remarkable proposition endorsed by the President's message

ONE ATTEMPT AT ENFORCEMENT The attack upon the Trusts which the administration announced through Attor-ney General Miller many moons ago has materialized in the discovery of one combination that could be singled out 'as the object of attack. It is true that the results of the assault do not show any definite achievements in the way of suppressing

the Trusts; but nevertheless we are glad to recognize it as a beginning.

After urging the inquiry into combina tions which violate the anti-Trust act of Cogress, the discovery has been made that there was an association or organization up in New Hampshire which, in the judgment of the Attorney General, set the provisions of the statute at naught. This corporation is known as the American Bobbin Company. The offenses of the engrossers of the manufacture of bobbins were duly studied by the Department of Justice, and it was resolved that they should be made to feel the terrors of the The evidence was laid before a United States grand jury sitting at Con-cord and that body decided to save the officers of the Department further trouble by ignoring the bill.

While this result leaves the combined bobbin manufacturers free to pursue their monopolistic course undisturbed, the fact that something has been done is encouraging. It permits a hope that the Department of Justice will yet work itself up to the point of trying to enforce the law against combinations whose scope is national and whose monopolistic purposes are notorious, even if their political influence is equally great.

UNAUTHORIZED LEGISLATION.

The action of the Underwriters' Association in Chicago in putting a prohibitory rate on tall buildings as a proper solution o that problem is generally accepted by the press. THE DISPATCH cannot agree with that view, for the double reason that it is professed exercise of authority where the authority does not lie. Again, if the Underwriters' Association were the proper body to regulate municipal architecture it is more than doubtful if its regulation would be effective.

The opinion has already been expressed in these columns that the multiplication of buildings rivaling the tower of Babel requires restriction. But if the public welfare necessitates a limitation of the liberty of builders in this direction the establishment of that regulation should be exercised only by governmental authority. No one has heretofore claimed that the Chicago Board of Underwriters is a governmental

body. The assumption of police powers by combinations or representatives of private interests is a step which must be viewed with decided jealousy until people are ready to formally adopt the principle that the most sovereign powers are to be exercised by corporations and combinations in name as well as in fact.

Of course, any insurance company has the right to decline risks on any class of building. But it should do so as a matter of private business, and not announce it as a matter of public regulation. Beyond that, in the statement that the prohibitory rate is greater than the actual cost of insurance, the underwriting regulators of municipal architecture simply point the way for owners of tall buildings in Chi-cago to set the edict at naught. The business of fire insurance is simply the distribution of risks. If the owners of the buildings under the insurance ban should form a mutual agreement to insure each other it might be found out, as it was in the case of the factory mutuals of Massachusetts, that insurance could be obtained at much lower cost than regular insurance

It will be found on full experiment that if the height of city buildings is limited it will have to be done by regular legislation in accordance with constitutional forms.

THE TIME FOR RESCUE.

The inevitable result of Arctic explora tion is making itself evident in the talk about the organization of a relief expedition to rescue the Peary party sent to the polar regions last year. As the last report from ry's expedition inc would be in urgent need of succor in the coming spring it is a clear duty to put the rescuing expedition in shape for an early

start. When this is done the sober, practical sense of the country should discourage further attempts to solve the barren secrets of the Polar regions. The actual gain to humanity that can be secured by any possible addition to its stock of knowledge about that lifeless district will not compensate for one-tenth of the suffering and loss of life already expended with a minimum of results.

The invariable succession of relief par ties by exploring parties gives pertinence to the current sarcasm that the rescuers should be sent out first so as to be on the ground when needed. But a more certain and economical means would be to rescue the Arctic explorers before they start and preserve them by force from proposed immolation.

THE cities of the Northwest are putting themselves in evidence strongly. Minne-apolis papers publish a list of citizens who will turn over their horses, carriages and servants to the use of delegates to the Re publican National Convention. St. Paul has ust made a one-mill tax for building an auditorium for the Democratic National Convention-if she can get it. Dulnth has at organization to subscribe \$100,000 annually to the stock of approved manufacturing corporations to be located there. Pittsburg could let the Western towns have all these points if she would actively and thoroughly bolish her smoke and energetically pr the Ohio River and Lake Erie Canal.

THE committee appointments create the suspicion that the prevalent wing of the Democracy has attained the position of—

"A smiling young lady of Niger Took a ride on the back of a Tiger, At the end of the ride

The girl was inside

And the smile on the face of the Tiger,"

VIENNA has taken in the outlying coun ry to the extent of 50,000 acres of additional erritory and 600,000 new population. The old world capital has a more positive idea of making the most of herself than Pitts-

Some rural counties are being worried by the winter tramp question. The summe tramp nuisance was bad enough; but th winter tramp seems to be so much worse as to call for active measures. It might be a good idea to set the winter tramps at work break ing up stone to be used for mending the roads in the spring. The tramp profession would very soon learn to give the counties where that practice is in vogue an exceed ingly wide berth.

THE fact that the Senate though not fairly it work has bills before it for the expend ture of nearly \$22,000,000 on public buildings for the smaller cities in various parts of ti country indicates that the position of Mr. an at the head of the Appropriation Committee will not be an empty one.

ONE hundred thousand dollars increa may be justified in the Department of Pub-lic Safety, but the rest of the city expenditures cannot go up on that scale loud demand for the reason why.

"IF in fifty years electric power is to re place the horse in the street cars the world over, judging from this city they're going very slow about it," remarks a Philadelphi cotemporary. As electricity has replaced horse power in most wide awake cities already, there is foundation for the hope that Philadelphia will experience the change in the course of the next fifty years.

IT is now announced in numerous o

poraries that "the lying letters from Chile to the London Times were written by a woman." This is interesting but not so important as the sex and identity of the person who has sent the highly imaginative news reports from Chile to the United States.

SENATOR QUAY'S remark that the Republican party is on trial for its life, pro-vokes the expression of a hope that the Senator has no intention of turning State's

HICKS, undismayed by former fizzles, gives us a schedule of weather calculated to strike the stoutest heart with terror, in cluding blizzards and "earth shakes." Bu the record of the weather in doing the exact opposite of what Hicks predicts carries a ground for expectation that January will continue to reverse his prophecies and give us one of the mildest and nicest winters on

COL FELLOWS pleads for his client Mc-Glory that he finds it almost impossible to earn an honest living. A good many people make the same complaint; but that affords no reason why the law should not insist on cGlory's making the unique experiment of trying.

Two million liabilities of S. V. White & Co., and \$350,000 assets! How did the speculative deacon come to leave such a large mount of assets?

A NEW ENGLAND kitchen is to be established in New York to illustrate Mr. Ed-ward Atkinson's plan of getting the best food for the least expense. This is practical philanthropy, as far as it goes; but it fails to provide for the element in New York which lacks money to buy food either good

MURAT HALSTEAD'S study of the Presidental situation in Europe indicates that there is nearly the same amount of dense uncertainty on that point in the capitals of the old world as in the political centers of

A GREEN Christmas makes a lean pocketbook, judging from the daily procession of package bearers.

FOREIGN NAVAL NOTES.

BRAZIL is having two torpedo boats built in England. They will have a speed of 25 knots an hour,

THE German ship Frithjof has a speed of 16 knots. She will carry 9 big guns and has an armor 7% inches thick: THE naval forces of the Czar of Russia con

sist of 36 vessels of the first rate, 49 of the second rate, 88 of the third rate and 20 of the THE Russian Government has ordered 500,-000 rifles in France to be delivered by July, 1894. The Russian factories will turn out 1,290,000 more by the same time.

THE Spanish Government is building six first-class armored cruisers, each of which is to have a displacement of 9,235 tons and a speed of from 19 to 20 knots an hour. THE new French protected cruiser Davert

is not a great success. At a recent trial when going 19 knots, the heat in the boiler room was so great that the men could not remain at their posts. THE Navarino, the Russian beited barbette battleship under construction at St. Peters-burg is 333 feet long and will have a speed of

16 knots. She will have 6 torpedo tubes and on the hurricane deck there will be 10 rapid firing guns. GREAT BRITAIN has 29 protected cruisers and 282 unprotected cruisers. She is build-ing now 15 armored vessels, 59 protected cruisers and 54 unprotected cruisers which, when completed, will make a grand total of

A contract for the construction of a battleship, with a displacement of 11.605 tons, has been awarded by the French Admiralty. A peculiarity of the ship is the application of electricity for turning the turrets, closing the ports and driving other machinery.

501 war vessels.

A PRIEST'S SILVER JUBILER

Father Haves, Formerly of Pittsburg, but New of Ohio, Highly Honored. NEWARK, O., Dec. 28 .- To-day was celebra-

ted the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ele-vation to the priesthood of Rev. Father Hayes, of the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, this city. Rev. Father Hayes is of the most capable and best beloved of the Catholic clergy in this district. He was born in Pittsburg August 19, 1842; received born in Fittsburg August 19, 1842; received his early education in the parochial schools, and later a higher course of study was pur-sued at St. Michael's Theological Seminary. His ordination into the priesthood took place at St. Vincent's Abbey in December, 1966 father's first appointment was as assistant at St. Paul's Cathedral, Pittsburg. Later, at the request of Bishop Rosecrans, he came to Ohio, and in 1884 was appointed to the charge

here.
The services in honor of the completion of The services in honor of the completion of his \$5 years of religious work opened with the celebration of high mass, followed by a sermon by Right Rev. Bishop John A. Watterson, of Columbus. In the afternoon a banghet was given at the schoolhouse, at which only the divines and a few friends were present. In the evening a reception was held. The reverend father received a good many presents, including a well-filled purse and articles of silver and gold.

SAVED BY A DOG'S SAGACITY

Man Knacked From a Railroad Tra Fscapes Death by a Miracle.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—[Special.]—When Deputy Coroner Dugan inquired into the death of William Dillman to-day he learned the story of how a dog saved a life. Dillma and a companion named Wallace, were walking the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks in Frankford, with three dogs. Suddenly Wallace's dog jumped at its owner, struck him on the breast and knocked him off the

A second after a train came along, and before Dillman could be warned he was hit by the locomotive and killed. The dog afterward pawed Wallace and licked his hands as if to show it had been instrumental

America's Santa Claus,

The big crops and the reciprocity policy have done the Santa Claus act for the Amer ican people this year.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

of 60.

PERTINENT PERSONALITIES

SENATOR CALL is said to be favoring the nnexation of Cuba, and to be laboring with CLARK RUSSELL, the author of the sea

tales, was born in America, though he has been called an Englishman. PATTI, who is shortly to make another

mly \$600,000 worth of diamonds. SENATOR PALMER is 74 years of age, but on the floor of the Senate he appears in a etter state of preservation than most men

THE Chilean Minister and Madame Montt

have issued invitations for a dinner Satur-day evening in honor of Secretary and Mrs. THE English club at Biarritz has black-

balled Mr. Gladstone and Sir Andrew Fair-bairn, its President, has resigned in conse-PRINCESS VICTORIA MARY of Teck wh is going to wed Prince "Collars and Cuffs," is the acknowledged beauty of the royalty

of England. GENERAL SCHOFIELD evidently mean that the soldiery shall not have the small-pox. He says that he shall have all rec ruits

JUDGE VOGT, who has been appointed Circuit Judge by President Harrison, is only 34, and the youngest man who has ever received such an appointment. J. W. MACKAY has made his usua

Christmas gift to every employe of the Commercial Cable Company. It was in the shape of half a month's salary. FOR seven years Congressman McMillin made it a practice to commit a poem to memory before breakfast each morning. He said it put him in a pleasant frame of mind

LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23-Secretary Emory Smith a communication setting forth the measures being taken by the Russian Government for the alleviation of the famine in the Russian Empire. The appointment of a committee composed of the highest Government officials to deal with this problem indicates, the communication states, "the gravity of the situation which is presented by the short crops and the carnest spirit with which the Emperor and his Government meet it." In this connection the State Description. Government meet it." In this connection the State Department makes public a letter received from the publisher of the Erie Dispatch, containing inquiries as to how far the Government will aid in securing transportation to Russia of provisions, and the reply of Mr. A. Gregor, the Russian Charge d'Affaires, in this city, in which he states that Russia will giadly forward from New York all donations of flour and grain. The communication sets forth the needs of Russia as munication sets forth the needs of Russia as

THE first 12-inch gun ever made at the Washington Naval Ordnance Foundry was tested at the proving grounds at Indian Head, Md., yesterday. Success'ol results were obtained, both from the rifle and the pneumatic carriage upon which it is mounted.

A DELEGATION of six Blackfoot Indians from their reservation in Northern Mon-tana have arrived here, and will to-morrow or Monday have an interview with Secre-tary Noble. In an informal talk with Commissioner Morgan the Indians requested the Department to provide them with additional stock and farming implements. They were willing to begin farming whenever they were supplied with the necessary seed and tools. They also asked that their rations be increased. They strongly protested against parting with any more of their lands.

SPEAKER CRISP will appoint his son, Charles R. Crisp, clerk at the Speaker's table. In order to accept the place young Mr. Crisp resigned his \$1,000 clerkship in the Interior Department.

JERRY SIMPSON should be looked after by his anti-monopolist constituents. Jerry has unbiushingly and avowedly been en-gaged in trying to further the temporarily abandoned project of a Congressional ex-cursion to Chicago to view the progress made by the World's Fair. "I want to go home to Kansas for Christana," says Jerry, "and I don't see why it will not be a good thing for me if the railroad company will pay my fare as far as Chicago."

SENATOR CHANDLER'S bill to amend the act to regulate the carriage of passengers at sea, so as to provide that in future it shall be unlawful for any steamship com pany to bring passengers from any foreign country unless suitable accommodations for the comfort of the passengers have been provided, is an interesting one. It allots a certain amount of space to each passenger, and makes it unlawful to carry them on more than three decks, or on any deck situated more than five feet below the water line when the vessel is loaded. In computing the number of passengers carried on each vessel children under lyear of age are not to be included, but two children between I and 8 years old. may be counted as one passenger. Fines of \$100 for each passenger carried in excess of the proper number are prescribed for the captains of vessels. The bill also requires a sufficient number of berths to be provided, and that separate apartments be provided for single male and female passengers, and that adequate provision be made for light and air to each of the cabins. Further provisions are made for proper sanitary arrangements and ventilating apparatus, and fines are provided for neglect in conforming with the regulations prescribed, ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, and imprisonment for from 20 days to six months. and makes it unlawful to carry them on

THE marriage of Elizabeth Sullivan Henry and Congressman John J. Hemphill, of South Carolina, was solemnized this evening at the Church of the Epiphany at 8 o'clock. A large number of invitations were issued for the ceremony and the church was well filled with friends of the church was well filled with friends of the contracting parties. A reception followed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry, 1730 L street, to which only the wedding party were invited. The couple left by a late train for the South, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Hemphill's family at Chester, S. C. Upon their return they will reside at the Shoreham.

MRS. HOWARD GANSON WHITE gave enjoyable tes this afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock, at the residence of her father, Sena-tor Sawyer. The handsome suite of artisti-cally decorated apartments were fragrant with blossoms and bright with elegant toilets, many handsome gowns of the ladies lets, many handsome gowns of the ladies present being worn without extra wraps owing to the heat of the day. Dancing music was supplied by an orchestra stationed in the alcove of the wide hallway. Mrs. White welcomed the company in a superb gown of light blue silk, trimmed with point lace, a number of hadies assisting. Mrs. Alex Magruder entertained the Harvard Glee Club of forty members at a supper, to-night, following the concert. An equal number of young ladies were invited to meet them.

JEFFERSON GONE AGAIN.

His Dr. Pangloss as a Farewell Perfor ance Is as Delightful as Ever.

The Jefferson Company appeared in Col-man's comedy of "The Heir-At-Law" last night at the Alvin Theater, and a finished performance of a rather thin play it was. Mr. Jefferson's Dr. Pangloss is a delightful study of character and a gently amusing creation in which the great comedian's art is nicely displayed. Louis James gave i Homespun, bringing out with especial strength the pathetic and dramatic side of the character. In the comedy he was merely bucolic-too good an actor to trip in accent or manner, both of which smelt of a Derbyshire farmyard, but not a comedian enough to reproduce the humor which glowed in the personation of Mr. Florence. Mr. Barnes threw pienty of life into Dick Donies, but he is hardly a young lover any longer. Miss Viola Allen repeated her charming and truthful delineation of a country girl, and Mrs. Rouse and Mr. Owen were very good as Lod and Lady Duberly.

The play was enjoyed by a fine audience, but Mr. Jefferson was enjoyed far more, and it is his return rather than that of Colman's comedy that will be looked forward to for another year from to-day with a deep and sincere interest. accent or manner, both of which smelt of a

THE HORSE REMEMBERED.

He Recollected Where the Buggy Behin Him Was Struck by a Train. BAST ORANGE, Dec. 23.—The horse which Samuel Campbell, Jr., of South Orange, drove on Thanksgiving night when he met with his fatal accident at the Halsted

street crossing in East Orange, proved this afternoon that horses have good memories He is now in the possession of William E. Bloodgood, of Llewellyn Park, who hitched him to a burgy and went out driving with a friend. A few minutes before 4 o'clock they turned into Halsted street, in the opposite direction from that in which Mr. Campbell had driven.

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The horse approached the crossing in a hesitating way, and the moment that he reached the tracks he bolted, although there was no visible cause of fright. The buggy was overturned and the horse thrown to the ground. The men were pitched out and severely cut and bruised. The horse was also badly out. It was the first time the horse had been driven through the streets since the fatal accident.

Falls under three administrations, and who was dismissed by Cleveland, has just re-ceived a draft for 6 cents for the balance due him by the Treasury Department. Mr. Pierce has refused all offers for the draft and refuses to get it cashed.

A Treasured Draft for 6 Cents.

ZANESVILLE, Dec. 23 .- [Special.]-J. P.

Mistaking the Outside for the Inside, loston Globe.] Congress is essentially an assemblage committees, and the country is mostly taken care of with closed doors. This is proper and legitimate, but some people mistake the outside for the inside of things.

Sever Clean a Loaded Pistol. MANSFIELD, O., Dec. 22.—[Special.]—This morning at Perrysvile, east of here, Fred Grotzinger, aged 16, while cleaning an old revolver accidentally shot and instantly killed his Sycar-old brother.

ST. LOUIS MILLERS WIN.

The Inter-State Commission Decides Against Two Railroad Companies

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day, in an opinion by Commissioner Veasey, announced its decision in the case of the Hazel Milling Company, of East St. Louis, against the St. Louis, Alton and Terra Haute Railroad Company and the Illinois Central Railroad Com-pany. The facts decided are briefly as follows:
Rates for the transportation of flour original transportation or flour original transportation original transportation or flour original transportation or flour original transportation or flour original transportation or flour original transportation origina

nating at St. Louis or East St. Louis and shipped over these liues are the same, and such flour is forwarded by the first named carrier from its receiving station in East St. Louis. St. Louis shippers deliver flour to rail or wagon, transfer companies at their stations in St. Louis, and the defendants bear the cost of transfer to the East St. Louis railroad station, the charge being 6 cents per barrel. St. Louis shippers sometimes deliver to the Wagon Transfer Company at their mill doors and then bear half the cartage, the railroad the other half. The Hazel

their mill doors and then bear half the cartage, the railroad the other half. The Hazel Company is a manufacturer and shipper of flour over these lines, in competition with St. Louis millers and loads it on cars furnished by the company on a side track near its mill at a cost of about 3 cents a barrel, being required to load cars according to distance of destinations and to clean and repair the cars before using.

The commission holds that on flour destined to points outside the State which the first carrier requests the petitioner to haul to its station or which it is compelled to haul, proper cars not being furnished on such side track, it is entitled to a reduction of 6 cents a barrel on rates in force as long as the railroads bear that amount of the cost of cartage for other shippers. The rule requiring the Hazel Company to clean and repair cars furnished on the side track is unreasonable, but that it shall load such cars according to stations is not unreasonable, and rates on flour loaded by petitioner in properly cleaned and repaired cars so furnished are upon the facts properly the same as rates in force on flour originating in St. Louis. Questions arising under a practice of partial or absolute free cartage, or growing out of the existence of side tracks to shippers' doors, must depend largely for solution on the particular circumstances of each case.

STEAM SLEDS POR WINTER.

A Californian Invents a Vehicle to Go to

the North Pole Ic. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—A young Califor-ian, of Truckee, thinks he has solved the problem of Arctic travel, and brought the North Pole within the pale of civilization The machine he has invented is a sort of steam motor sleigh. He has been using the first machine which beconstructed—a small one run by hand power-for snow and ice travel among the mountains during the last

two years with entire success. •

He is now having made at the iron works He is now having made at the iron works a large one to be run by steam power. If no Arctic explorer takes advantage of this new means of reaching the North Pole by express, he will use it for hauling passengers and towing logs and carrying freight in the high Sierras, and will have 4t on hand for transferring passengers over snow blockades on the Central Pacific. The sleigh bed is supported by two double 12-foot runners. The engine, of six-horse power, is placed in the rear end of the vehicle, and the whole machine weighs only 1,300 pounds. Screws in the rear drums gauge the depth of the "bite" of the shovels. The machine needs no roads, can climb steep grades, and go anywhere, over snow or ice, where the way is not obstructed by thick timber or perpendicular cliffs.

HE LOVED HER PHOTOGRAPH.

the river hills which it commands.

The latest thing in cards for social purposes is seven-handed euchre, in which all the deck is used, seven cards being dealt to each person and four remaining to the widow—this is of course including the joker. Fifty points is the game, and a lone hand counts M. A bid of seven entitles the bidder to choose three partners. This ingenious variety of the game originated recently at a Sewickley card party. In this connection it is interesting to remember that Sewickley claims the honor of inventing progressive euchre to a gaping world.

Little Miss Margnerite (Raby) Hayden In Heir to Millions Marries a Beauty Who Carried Off a Prize,

ROUNDOUT, N. Y., Dec. 23.—[Special.]—A romantic marriage was celebrated at Saugerties-on-the-Hudson, last evening, the contracting parties being Albert D. Steenken, of Brooklyn, and Miss Mattle Adams. The marriage is said to be the echo of a prize heavy contest. When the pressure of the contract of the contest when the pressure of the contest was a contest of the con prize beauty contest. When the newspaper which started the contest published the pictures of 42 of the most beautiful women

pictures of 42 of the most beautiful women in the country, Miss Mattie Adams, the bride, was one of the ladies so honored.

She is an exceptionally beautiful lady of 24, a blonde of the most ravishing type, a gifted musician and a conversationalist of nare ability. The groom is 36 and will inherit the greater part of his father's fortune, which runs into the millions. His father owns enormous interests in the National Lead Trust and has a monopoly of the sulphur and untrate of silver business. According to the friends of the couple the groom fell in love with the bride's picture when it was published, and he obtained an introduction to the lady who has become wife.

NINETEEN IN THE FAMILY.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD O'NEIL and family, of Sewickley, are in the East for the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Albany and Philadelphia, and contemplate a trip to Washington, D. C., before their return. They Traveled in a Body and Took Up a Good Deal of Room, When James Whitcomb Riley delivers his lecture next Tuesday evening at the Pres-byterian Church, Sewickley, he will be sup-parted by Jack Irwin, the noted violinist, and Carl Retter. St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Among the arrivals at the Union depot last evening was the family of John R. Fisher, which consisted, beside himself and wife, of 17 children, the oldest of

whom was 21 years and the youngest 3 months. All were brunettes, closely resembling each other, and as they walked into the ladies' waiting room carrying bundles they attracted considerable attention. The woman appeared to be about 40 years of age, and from the looks of her red checks and quick step had had very little illness in her life. Her husband was probably about five years older than she, and was also a picture of health. Ten of the children were preture of health. Ten of the children were boys and seven girls, all of whom were neatly dressed. They were bound to St. Joseph, where they will reside in the future. They took up all the space in the waiting room, but the children were all well be-

room, but the children were kept busy in haved, and the older ones were kept busy in watching their younger brothers and sisters FIVE THOUSAND SUITORS.

Many Men Would Take a Bride With

Small Dowry and a Team. VINELAND, N. J., Dec. 23 .- John Hankins he rich old farmer residing at South Vine and, who a couple of weeks ago inserted in a number of papers an announcement of his willingness to give a 10-acre farin, \$300 in mules to any young man of good character under the age of 25, who would marry his daughter, "a girl of fine looks and bright disposition," has received nearly 5,000 rewhich is next week to be played at the Grand Opera House, has nothing but laughter in it, and Charles Bowser, Frank McNish and other comedians in the cast ought to make the promise good. Less clear in its meaning is the title "melodramatic contedy," with which "Birds of a Feather" is labeled.

plies.

The replies represent no less than 12 States. The farmer and his lovely daughter are now in as big a quandary as ever, having no way of determining in just what particula most desirapie. Two thousand of the writers sent the photographs, and the old man has in consequence enough pictures on him as in consequence and the sent the product of the sent the se

Mills Is Building The Foundation, Washington Star. 1 Mr. Mills evidently doesn't intend to in dulge in any active effort to make trouble

in the present Congress, but he bids fair to make a first-class trouble nucleus. Numbered Among the Silent Explorers. Yew York Commercial Advertiser.] Now that a relief expedition is to be sen out for Peary, he can at once, and without

band of explorers.

Froud of December's Weather. ew York World.1 December's weather record is one for any

winter month to be proud of, even if the fogs have come at the last. CUTS AT FOREIGN LANDS.

UNCLE SAM to Chile: Time will soon be up

New York Recorder. AND now the peace of Europe is said to de pend upon an if. It is a very powerful word. LET China stay away from the World's Fair Chicago Tribune.

pending European game and a full hand generally.—Boston Globe. As an alternative of starvation, even the grip is a godsend 'in the Czar's dominions.-New York Commercial Advertiser. THE English people seem to feel much olicitude lest the bride of Prince Collars

MME. LA GRIPPE holds two kings in the

and Cuffs should have to do up his linen .-Chicago Times. Cuils has valuable nitrate beds. There is possibility of war with that little republic. Steve Elkins is to be the new Secretary of War. Chile had better conceal the nitrate beds or hurry up that spology.—Detroit Free Press.

MONEY IN FLOWERS.

Miss Stella Hays, who is rapidly gaining

distinction as one of the most delightful of

the younger hostesses, made an exceedingly felicitious choice of flowers for the dinner

she gave on Tuesday for Miss Julia Watson. The table was decorated solely with green orchids, which were also used for the boutonnieres and corsuge bunches. The orchid has a tint not unlike a bronze green, and the ribbon used matched the flowers perfectly.

Social Chatter.

Samuel W. Black and his sisters Miss Jane and Miss Jessie Black, have moved into their new and beautiful residence at Edgeworth. Mr. Black's new house stands upon the terrace above the Fort Wayne tracks, and is a very handsome example of the colonial style, with modern porches and a portecchere. The interior decorations are also colonial, white and gold prevailing, with hardwood floors and oriental rugs. Those who have seen it say that it is a charming country home. Not the least among the charms is the view of the Ohio valley and the river hills which it commands.

The least thing in early for social purpose.

MRS. FRANK SEMPLE will give a party on Monday evening next for her daughter Miss

Annie Semple. The young people who will throng Mrs. Semple's Sewickley residence are expected to appear in the costumes of "ye olden tyme."

The Yale Log Club, of which A. R. Mur-doch is Secretary, has a stag party to-night at the Cafe Boyal. Covers will be laid for

DR' AND MRS. WILLIAM H. DALY chaperoned a party to the Duquesne Theater Tuesday night to see Robson in "She Stoops to Con

MISS FRANCES MARSHELL has issued invited

STAGE NEWS AND GOSSIP.

THERE will be matinces at all the theaters

THE sale of seats for next week begins at

THE pretty plaintive idyl of to-day, "Little

Lord Fauntieroy," will be presented to the New Year's patrons of Harris' Theater all next week.

DANIEL BOOKE and his trained lions

which are said to be wonderful beasts, will be the sensation at Harry Davis' Museum-Theater next week.

NEARLY 100 people will appear in "The Lit-

tle Recruit," which is to be given Thursday night and Friday afternoon and evening of next week at the Auditorium, on Penn ave-

It is promised that "Birds of a Feather."

To-DAY the change of bill at the Alvis

Theater is radical. In place of Jefferson

Theater is radical. In place of Jefferson and his associates in high comedy there will be John E. Rice and a corps of low comedians in a new farce comedy, called "A Knotty Affair," which is said to be more legitimately funny than most such things usually are. A feature of the farce is the dancing of a minuet in the Kirmess scene; and for the dance and the costumes of those who figure in it much is promised.

"JACK ROYAL of the 92d" is the succes

of "The Still Alarm," and it comes to th

of "The Still Alarm," and it comes to the Bijou Theater next week with Harry Lacy in the heroic role, "Jack Royal" is a wartime play, telling a story of the Draft Riots in New York City in 1883, and is said to be desperately exciting. William A. Brady is the manager, and has mounted the play in his wontedly lawish style. "Jack Royal" is from the pen of the distinguished New York critic, "Nym Crinkle," A. C. Wheeler.

MANAGER HENDERSON will bring to th

Duquesne Theater next week his own grea

Duquesne Theater next week his own great spectacular extravaganza "Sinbad, or the Maid of Baison," just fresh from great triumphs in Chicago and the West. In "The Crystal Slipper" and "Blue Beard" Mr. Henderson gave the public finer spectacles than this city had ever seen before, and he has done what most managers in this field conspicuously have not done, kept his promise to the public. He says, and the Chicago papers have borne the statement out, that the ballets, the scenery, the costumes and the actors in "Sinbad" are better than they were in his previous productions. The list of special features in "Sinbad" are worth examination.

THERE is no denying that Richard Mans

ons for a dinner on Monday eve onor of Miss Julia Watson.

all the theaters to-day.

Pittsburg One of the Few Towns That Supported a Chrysanthemum Show-Innumerable Functions Still Occupying -The latest calculation makes the earth's the Society World's Attention-Brief age 1,526,750,000 years.

-There are 40,000 Anarchists and 1,000, 600 Socialists in France Pittsburg has gained distinction as being one of the few cities where a chrysanthe-mum show has been successful financially. teeth were made in America. The recent one, under the direction of the "Florists and Gardeners' Club of Pittsburg

-Last year nearly 40,000,000 artificial

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A turnip weighing 15 pounds has been

—In the Solomon Islands a good wife can be purchased for 10,000 cocoanuts.

"Florists and Gardeners' Club of Pittsburg and Allegheny," patronized with such encouraging favor in the Auditorium last month, has netted its projectors the sum of \$750, at the same time leaving untouched a reserve fund of \$1,500; a result they had hardly dared to wisn for, let alone hope for. Being the first ever held here, this is all the more picasurable, and, considering the extreme youth of the organization, the more remarkable. The 'club deserves every encouragement when it makes another attempt, as it is hoped it will do another season. Whatever heartburnings there were and heartburnings usually follow competitive exhibitions—were wisely kept for private view only, and, therefore, Pittsburg has nothing but agreeable recollections of the flower show. -The largest barometer ever made is the one in St. Jaques tower in Paris. It is 41 eet 5 inches high.

The greatest celery gardens in the world are at Kalamazoo, Mich. They cover nearly 3,000 acres of land. -Aluminum is now being used for beer nugs. It is said the metal keeps the beer harp for a long period.

-New churches in Maine have kitchens built in them so that suppers, etc., can be provided on the premises.

-It is expected that the cedar wood from has nothing but agreenore reconstructions the flower show.

The organization already named, which has obtained for itself so unique a place, has the following gentlemen as officers: Mr. E. C. Reineman, President: Mr. P. S. Randolph, Vice President; Mr. Frederick Burkl, Treasurer; Mr. George Esterlee, Secretary. which lead pencils are made will be unob tainable inside of five years. -At the age of 50 a man has spent nearly

-There are three places in the world where woman is on an absolute equality with man. These are Iceland, the Pitcairn Islands and the Isle of Man.

generally about 14 feet high. The bark of the tree is white as chalk and smooth, so that they look like marble columns.

urer; Mr. George Esterlee, Secretary.

Among the guests at the coming-out ball for Miss King at the Duquesne Club on Tuesday night were: Mrs. C. L. Magee, Mrs. James Hays, Mrs. F. M. Magee, Mrs. Singer, Mrs. Wynn R. Sewell, Mrs. Kate Von Bonnhorst, Mrs. Andrew Fleming, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Mary McClelland, Miss Ada Gerdes, Miss Stella Hays, Miss Joste Woodwell, Mrs. William Ross Proctor, Miss Lidie Sutton, Miss Sellers, Miss Hussey, Miss Lelbeneck, Miss Lucy Haworth, Miss Daisy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Clapp, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hart McKee, Mrs. Zog, Dr. and Mrs. C. Sutton, Mrs. Arbuthnot, Miss Margaret Darlington, Miss Louise Singer, Mr. Soaite, Mr. Lindsay King, Mr. Nathaniel Holmes, Mr. Donelson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rea, Miss Nora Oliver, Mr. Joseph Seibeneck, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Park Painter, Mr. Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Park Painter, Mr. Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Penneck, Miss de Sailles, Mr. and Mrs. Orr, Mr. Frank Willock, Mr. McMillin and Miss Nellie Gillespie.

As well as formally introducing Miss King, the ball on Tuesday formally opened the season at the Duquesne Clup which more than ever is to be identified with the doings which mark the polite world's winter season. -Tobacco used for a year's supply of cigrettes, at the rate of 16 to one ounce, would be 5,959,375 pounds—or 268 tons 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 m. London alone consumes 1,000,000 per

tana, half a yard of crepe is tacked to his door as a reminder that a repetition of the offense will be followed by a call from the undertaker. -During the reign of Nero an expedition

company has removed the elevated walk to

the front door of his house, and now goes in by means of a ladder, which he draws in after him. He has also posted this sign: "No callers wanted on the Subbath." -Lake Baikal, in Siberia, is the deepest

-Russia most people are accustomed to regard as a very cold country, and so it is in regard as a very cold country, and so it is in its northern region, but it has a large area in the southern part of the temperate zone. It will surprise many to learn that it has an area of vineyards amounting to about 458,250 acres, the average yield of wine from them being 55,300,600 gallons, of which rather more than half is grown in the Caucasus.

found to consist of two suns revolving about such other in only four days, with a velocity of 150 miles in a second. The distance between the components is only 16,000,600 miles, or about one-sixth the distance between the earth and the sun.

-The total production of manufactured silk in the world, perannum, is estimated at a value of £64,900,000, and of this, at least

San Bernardino county, Cal., is 60 feet high, inclosing 2,250 acres, and will hold 10,000,000. 000 gallons appearance of the walls and the fact that

-In Cuba a person with a sore or wound of any kind will not look upon a dead person, fearing that the spot will become in-curable. The rum used in washing a dead body is, however, regarded as a sure cure for all eye troubles. If the light from a candle or lamp falls on the face of the dead, death will shortly come to him or her who was carryin: the light. Rain during a burial is considered an excellent "sign" throughout the islands. If one measures his own height with a rod which has been

LIGHT LITTLE LAUGHS. "Wisht I had big feet," sighed Willie.

When maidens on their horses proud Fair in the autumn's aftermath, Ride thro' the park it's natural They should prefer the bridal path,

She (sweetly)-How old would you think? He (carefully)-I don't know, but I'm sure you'n Mrs. Hicks-Dick, why don't you study

The lads who went a courting long ago, When Cupid's manners were sedate and slow, Oft vied for her attention with the spinning wheel

so neat, That responded to the rythm of her pretty little

and sees her on a bleycle go dashing down the Bulfinch-What's the matter, my dear

I just stepped into cld Gotrox's office to ask for his daughter, and I hadn't spoken three words before Molly-Just think, Lucy, my aunt has

I like each well remembered dish

Maliciously to pass
A plate which makes my stomach quall—
Of sea green apple sass.

He-And your genealogy has been traced

29 years of sleep, eaten 17,000 pounds of bread and 16,000 pounds of meat and has imbibed 7,000 gallons of liquids.

-The pumpkin in Africa grows on a tree

-Chinese gold miners are doing a rushing business in Nevada. It is said that they average \$6 per day per man, while their expense for living costs less than 25 cents.

-If a man abuses his wife in Butte, Mon

was sent from Rome to explore the amberproducing country, and so successful was the party that a present of 13,000 pounds of amber was brought back to the Emperor, including a piece weighing 13 pounds. -A man in Maine who has an aversion to

lake in the world. It only has an area of 9,000 square miles, but it has depth of from 4,000 to 5,000 feet, so that is volume is nearly equal to that of Lake Michigan.

-Great progress has been made in photographing the spectra of the stars. By doubling the lines of the spectrum of Beta Aurigae at short intervals that star has been

-Basking sharks, which at maturity measure from 30 to 40 feet in length, are easily approached and harpooned, and on the west coast of Ireland as many as 500 have been taken in a single season. The liver often weighs as much as two tons, yielding six to eight barrels of oil. A few years ago, when sharks' oil was of greater value than it is at present, the oil from a single full-sized specimen would often realize from \$200 to \$250. euchre to a gaping world.

LITTLE Miss Marguerite (Baby) Hayden, the pivot on which turns the domestic wheel of Manager and Mrs. William R. Hayden's household, arrived in town yesterday. At her royal command, the shops were exhausted of their contents yesterday to give her small majesty a fitting Christmas; the first she ever has spent in the Smoky City. It was this tiny girl who, after slapping her nurse the other day, was found with her right wrist tightly grasped by her left hand, "to keep Satan from making her slap nurse again."

£25,000,000 is produced in France. The French consumption of raw silk in 1890 was not much under 10,000,000 pounds, the value of which is reckoned at from £10,000,000 to £12,000,000. Taking in the value of wool, cotton and other fiber in mixed fabrics of the silk factories, the total will amount to about

-Following are the dimensions of the four largest dams in the world: 41. The Wal-nut Grove dam, near Prescott, Ariz., 110 nut Grove dam, near Prescott, Ariz., 110 feet high, inclosing 750 acres, with a capacity of 4,000,000,000 gallons. 2 The Merced dam, Central California, I mile long, 60 feet high, 550 acres, capacity 5,500,000,000 gallons. 3. Sweetwater river dam, near San Diego, Cal., 50 feet high, 725 acres, capacity 6,000,000,000 gallons. 4 The Bear Valley dam, in San Bayanding country.

-In Canon Diablo, Arizona, a hole 625 feet deep, supposed to have been made by a meteor, has been found. It is 2½ miles in circumference. The theory is that from the appearance of the walls and the fact that they have found many pieces of meteoric iron around the hole the meteor penetrate the earth to a depth of 700 or 800 feet before it exploded, and this accounts for the strange phenomena. Three pieces of the meteor, weighing 300, 600 and 870 pounds, respectively, were found on the mesa within two miles of the crater.

used in measuring a corpse for the coffin he himself will die with the year. A stroke with the hand of a corpse is believed by the West Indian to be a sure cure for all pains

"Why, dear?" asked his mother.
"I'd have bigger stockin's for Christmas," said
"illie.—Harper's Busur.

He-How old are you, Miss Dolly?

your Sunday school lesson?'
Dick Hicks-The teacher said next time I didn't

That girls are different now, full well we know; But he who fondly seeks to play the beau Still finds a doughty rival in the wheel that turns

Wooden? You look heated. Wooden-Heated? Well, I should think I might.

got false hair and teeth.

Lucy-That's nothing. I heard my pa say that
my aunt who lived in Houston had a false tongue.

There is no denying that Richard Mansfield's name upon the bills is a guarantee of an artistic performance, and the reception of his work this season elsewhere his justified his claim to have surpassed all previous efforts this season. He orings to the Alvin Theater next week a company containing Miss Beatrice Cameron, Miss Emma V. Sheridan, W. J. Ferguson, as well as others of ability. Miss Sheridan has won popularity with The Dispatch's readers as an author since she was last seen here. Mr. Mansfield will disping all his varied talents as an actor in a remarkable repertoire, which includes "Beau Brommei," "Don Juan," "Prince Karl," "A Parisian Romance" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyda." back to the dateenth century? Do you kn much of the collateral branches? She—No; we were interested in our ancest only, and made no researches as to any of the children.—Indox.

My country days have known,
Save one, which I devontly wish
To nether worlds had flown.
But gleeful waiters never fall
Maliciously to mass