CULTURE FOR THE MASSES.

-UNIVERSITY Extension, its scope and

aim, has already been outlined in The Dis-PATCE. The purport of this paper is to call at-tention to its practical application. The be-ginning of the movement in each locality

nust be the work of those who have the

elevation of their community at heart, and the leisure to make personal appeals to benevolent people for their interest and support. Not only must there be a lecturer, but he must have a place in which to speak,

well located and sufficiently commodious for the audience. The sort of audience

mostly desired is not the fashionable ele-ment which would patronize it only for amusement, and who have time and leisure

for their self-improvement, if they desire it; the classes that the movement is really in-tended for are those of our public school

teachers, who desire some incentive to ge

out of the rut that they so easily fall into:

for men and women who feel their short

comings in the mental field and would like

to improve themselves, if they only knew

how to occupy their little lesure to better advantage; in short, for all who believe that

intellectual and spiritual things are higher

and better than material, and want some

help and direction toward acquiring them.

Funds Must Be Forthcoming.

aid of money; and there must be a local

committee to collect a guarantee fund, to

ALL this cannot be done without the

copie. They are extremely dirty, simply

-First quality second growth white ash for carriages is so scarce that the probabil ity is that in a few years oak will be used for coach poles and other purposes for which ash is now used.

woolen stockings by the tiled chimney-piece, and then go soberly to bed quite sure that good St. Nicholas will visit them, provided they do not disturb him in his visit.

-The sacred nuts of Japan are so called

-A curious phenomenon is the rapid de-

-In Belgium the children fill their shoes

-Allowing an average weight of four ounds to the brain, deducting one-fourth for external integument, it may be said that each grain of brain substance contains not less than 205,542 traces or impressions of ideas. for blood and vessels, and another fourth

-The majority of the Scottish Gipsie have spread over a vast tract of country. Here they have gradually become lost to

-In selecting strong timber weight has very little consideration. Only a man with experience can cull the good from the bad timber with almost an infallible judgment, and probably without the ability to tell why he makes his selection. Color has little to do with it, weight something, timber sense more. -Bohemian children listen anxiously on

Christmas Eve for the chariot and white horses of the "Christ-child" as he comes flying through the air with his krippe full of presents; but the Italian children go gravely with their parents to churches and cathedrals to see the Bambino or saint who presents them with their Christmas gifts.

-Of all coined money the Maria Theress dollar has by far the largest circulation is

that, since one-third of a second suffices to produce an impression upon the brain.

The nuptials of Miss Catherine Clark, eldest daughter of Dr. H. H. Clark and sister of Dr. A.C. Clark, of the West Penn Hospital, and Mr. Charles W. Wright, were celebrated in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, last night at 5 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Wright left for the South after the ceremony and will remain there for some time.

pass, Messrs. Redinger, Cunningham and

The Western University is to have an alumni association, which will be formed at a dinner given in a short time at the Duquesne Club by the class of '88. A general invitation will be extended to preceding and following classes to be present at the dinner.

It's a puzzle to a great many people why three large market baskets are allowed to ride out-and sit, too-in a street car to East Liberty, while a small child must stand and pay 5 cents for the privilege of doing so.

Miss Alice Tindle receives her small friends this evening, when she will be assisted in her agreeable task as hostess by Miss Alice Haworth and her cousin, Miss Elizabeth De Puy, of Philadelphia.

Anone the Christmas entertainers is Mrs. C. B. McLean, of Winebiddle avenue, who has issued informal invitations for a dinner

Mrs. Frank Sunple, of Sewickiey, gives a party on Monday evening for her daughter, Miss Annie Semple.

To-Night Mrs. Joshua Rhodes : Misses Rhodes give a ball at the P

MRS. CHRISTOPHER L. MAGEE entertains ome friends to day to Christmas dinner. Mr. AND Mrs. H. S. A. STEWART entertain friends this evening at dinner.

THE Albambra dances to-night at the Mo-FORTY NEW LOCOMOTIVES. They Will Be Built Immediately for

Baltimore and Ohio.

The Contest Will Be Interes

to have almost as interesting a S contest as Ohio.

than any opposing recommendation by a

From another point of view recommendations, or even nominations, by the lawyers would have a greatly-to-be-desired effect. It would influence the action of the political parties so powerfully in the best direction that candidates for the bench having this testimony from their co-professionals would not need to run the gauntlet of practical politics—the setting up of delegates, the solicitation of support and the incurring of supposed obligations to the ward-workers and other

But the difficulty in the case is the practical one of getting anything like unanimous recommendations from the lawyers themselves. It was Josh Billings, the laughing philosopher, who made the profound remark that there was "a good deal of human nature in humanity." The Blackstonian brethren are not wholly and exempt from those personal preferences prejudices which operate among laymen; and the canvassing among them for and against candidates would be quite as earnest, perhaps as hot, as outside. At the same time, if they undertook the task of naming the most desirable material for the Bench, there is no doubt they could, and, we think, would, bring to its discharge a higher sense of responsibility and a keener discernment than could be expected of an for those of an elder age-and the

THE FARMER MAY BE MERRY.

or advice in the premises—is to seek to make Christmas joyful for some-The farmer in almost every section of body else. This is a duty, associated by sacred tradition with the day, but it has this country ought to be in good humor to celebrate Christmas. The enormous crops the advantage from the selfish point of of the year just closing have filled his view of being pleasant in its discharge. barns, his purse and his stomach, as they The old Christmas we knew in childhood have not been filled in years-so, too, his may not come back to us, but we may get heart should be filled with joy and gratia glimpse of it over the shoulders of those tude. Just look at what the harvest has been in one or two staple crops. The Charity needs no advocate here, but for total wheat crop of the United States is its cousin, the habit of making Christmas now adjudged to be nearly 600,000,000 gifts, a word or two may be said, for it is bushels, and that represents in money, sometimes attacked. Of course it may be conservatively estimated, \$500,000,000, overdone, but very much more good than while the corn crop, amounting to over 2,000,000,000 bushels, represents in money over \$850,000,000. In these two crops alone the farmers have made nearly \$300,ment of onulent lay shness is not desira-000,000 more than they did last year, and ble, and it is not common, if for no other there are the other cereals, oats, rye, reason than that millionaires even nowabuckwheat, barley and large yields of days are comparatively scarce. There is a fruit, vegetables, etc., yet uncounted. Alpractical and national benefit from the together the farmer has much to be thank-Christmas giving; it stimulates trade from ful for. The failure of Europe's crops has center to circumference, sets money in also operated favorably upon the prices of American farm products, and the proba the middle of the season when poverty bility that the new year will bring no and idleness are most cruel, and works out change but for the better is another cheerin deeds the grand message of Heaven ful factor in the situation. The reduction to Earth. This year Christmas finds us of duties by Germany and France, tocheerful with abundant cause, and it gether with the scarcity in the Old World should leave us thankful for the blessings generally, means enlargement of markets which Providence has showered upon the for the disposal of America's surplus corn, nation, and this community in particular. and consequently a maintenance of present prices, if not an increase. So the ing already, and THE DISPATCH wishes its farmer has a merry Christmas m ade to his readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy order this year. New Year, with a belief as sincere as the

fact, that republies are ungrateful, needs revision. The gratitude of this Republic has been and still is being exemplified in the most practical manner. A glance at the appropriations of national revenue for war pensions is all that is needed to convince any one of this. The liberal policy of this country toward its faithful servants is thrown into strong relief every now and DISPATCH can judge for themselves, a then by the very different behavior of very handsome structure. It will be easi ly the finest building, public or pri most enlightened monarchy in the world has just come to light in New York. Two

but the consignment in this case is uncomdeserves endorsement, and Mr. Bigelow will find Southsiders appreciative, we do not doubt, in this instance.

SINCERE SERMONS NEEDED. The New York Tribuns rebukes and ridicules Mr. Cleveland for saying in a recent speech that "one fills a place in our citizenship unworthily who regards it solely as vantage ground where he may fill his purse and better his condition." Our esteemed cotemporary thinks that Cleveland is mistaking words for things, and dealing in cant phrases rather than real beliefs, in thus defining an ideal citizen ship. This indictment rests upon Mr. Cleveland's alliance with practical politicians in New York who are notoriously and confessedly using their citizenship "to fill their purses and better their condition.'

and for no other purpose.

THE ante-Christmas weather has not been exactly cheering or seasonable, but Pitts-burgers, and especially the storekeepers, may congratulate themselves that we have been spared the fogs with which London has been spared the logs with with all the outery about log and smoke in this city our atmosphere is clear and clean compared with that of the English metropolis in winter. A fog that actually stops street traffic and forbids

CHICAGO is about to adopt double

decked street cars. Pittsburg needs cars having two deeks and a hold along about 5

THE accidents on the cable roads yesterday show that more care must be taken by the public as well as by the gripmen. The practice of leaving horses and heavy ve-hicles unattended where they may readily be brought into collision with street cars is plainly too dangerous to continue in these

THE people who run the Louisiana lottery take in \$28,000,000 every year. Of this \$13,-600,000 is profit. No wonder the fight waxes

REV. DR. PHILIP SCHAFF says in the Forum that "heresy trials seem to be an anachronism." Other people, somehow, have obtained the impression that they are little but farces, in this age which allows the largest religious liberty consistent with public order and peace.

THE retail liquor dealer says that he doesn't mind legal and honest competition, but he does object to being knocked out with

IT requires no imagination to see the chagrin the faces of the Chicago people will express when they discover, on the first map ever made of the world dated 1494, which will be loaned them by the Pope, that

THE best way to enjoy a Christmas dinner is to send a copy of it to some poor fainily that has none.

EVERY other man on the streets to-day is repeating the old adage "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard." Although the country is verdant, it does not necessarily follow that planting is to be done, especially in the cemeteries.

THE discussion of the kind of refreshments to be offered to callers on New Year's is now in order.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES says that "young blood ought to be heard." This is singular for he has been in a position to know what a racket young bloods make, especially upon occasions when they ought not to be heard.

CHAIRMAN CLARKSON wants Iowa people to drop prohibition, but they decline to

THE preparation of the navy for possible emergencies in Chilean waters does not mean war, necessarily, but it means busi-ness, and every American will applaud the administration for transacting that business

LET your Christmas greetings be as warm s the weather, but unlike it, seasonable!

Orn Santa Claus must have presented very dirty appearance when he got through his work last night. The soot in the chim-neys was thick enough to have driven him away entirely.

ETCHINGS OF NOTABLES.

LI HUNG CHANG, the Chinese Viceroy recovering from his attack of influenza. THE attack of influenza from which the King of Sweden is suffering, is of a severe type.

yesterday that he was allowed to take a short drive about the city. MR. AND MRS. CLEVELAND are to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jans in Wilmington this winter.

SECRETARY FOSTER was so much better

MRS. HENRY VILLARD has presented to Howard University in Washington a bust of ner father, William Lloyd Garrison. IT has leaked out that Senstor Peffer has been heard to snore in a most violent and

terrible manner. To reflect how insignifi-cant he has become probably makes him tired. THE President has appointed William M. Jenkins, of Arkansas City, Kan., a special agent to make allotments of lands in severalty to Indians, with compensation at the

AT noon yesterday Bishop Dwenger was resting comfortably at Fort Wayne, Ind. He is conscious, but gradually growing weaker, and his physicians think he can last but a day or two more.

MR. WHITELAW REID, the United states Minister to France, will be Presiden Carnot's guest at a shooting party, which is to be given to the members of the foreign

THE office of assistant chief of the Weather Bureau has been filled by the ap pointment by Secretary Rusk of Mr. S. S. Rockwood chief clerk of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Henry Casson, private sec retary to Secretary Rusk was appointed

THE Czarina has decided to accompany ner son on his coming visit to Paris. She will be conveyed to Brest on the royal yacht and will be escorted by several men-of-war Thence she will go direct to Paris, where she will make a short stay prior to her visit to

IMMENSE IRON ORE DEPOSITS.

Over Fifty Million Tons of the Ore Found Neur Lake Superior.

DULUTH, MINN., Dec. 24 .- Particulars of the new iron finds on the Mesaba range, are just beginning to come out and show that these latest ore discoveries exceed anything ve The new mining territory lies from 8 to 20 miles west of the line of the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad at Mesaba. Las August the work of development was be-gun. Thirteen test pits were sunk to the gun. Thirteen test pits were sunk to the depth of 60 feet, and a distance of 1,136 feet north and south and that much east and west show a solid vein of rich hematite ore, measuring by the length, breadth and width of the vein at not less than 9,000,000 tons.

There is one 40 acres of very nearly solid iron known to be at least 58 feet deep. The ore is of soft Bessemer, free from sulphur or slikes, of dark color, and running 61 to 61% per cent pure iron. Specimens are shown silics, of dark color, and running 61 to 64% per cent pure fron. Specimens are shown that are so soft or free from hard substances that they can be whittled like soap. The vein is not vertical like that of the Minnesota mine, but horizontal. From all accounts the mines being developed indicate a body of 50,000,000 tons of ore. The discoveries insure the building of the Duluth, Mesaba and Northern Railroad from the mouth of the Artichoke river to the mines, a distance of 64 miles, and the contract calls for its completion by August 1 next.

AFTER PLUMB'S VACANT SEAT.

One of the reasons for deploring the un timely death of Senator Plumb is the pos sible resurrection of Ingalls that may result -Chicago Times. ALREADY the cry is raised that Ingalls is too unpopular" to succeed Plumb. There is no evidence to substantiate this assertion.

-New York Recorder. Wno will succeed Plumb in the United States Senate-Ingalls or Simpson? There are boundless possibilities in a fight between these two picturesque state Buffalo Express.

It is not likely that ex-Senator Ingalls will be returned to the Senate from Kansas to fill the vacant place caused by the death Senator Plumb. Such a thing might one have happened .- Toledo Blade. INGALLS will not get back to the Senute as

Plumb's successor. It is not so much that the Alliance is "down on him" as that he showed signs of repentance and reformation after being chastened by the Alliance.—N. THE appointment of a successor to Senator Plumb will devolve upon Governor Humph-rey. There is a possibility of the return of ex-Senator Ingalls to Washington, which would be a mighty interesting event in poli-

ics.-Providence Times THE Governor of Kansas declines to consequies. They cherish rather more rein Washington, where the Senator's belongings have already been divided up.—Boston

get the use of an appropriate hall, to adver-tise the movement, not only in the press, but personally in the schools, the stores the workshops. Not the least important duty of this committee is the choice of a lecturer or lecturers and the themes to be treated. In every community national history and institutions should be taught; then other topics, according to the taste

and employments of the people. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that this movebe too strongly emphasized that this move-ment is primarily intended for the eleva-tion of the people at large, and not for those who have time and money to secure culture in the ordinary ways. Accordingly it ought not to be expected that the movement will pay for itself; and if it is taken in hand by Pittsburg, as we sincerely hope it will be, let it be with the idea that the wealthy will have for the instruction of the poor not how-Pittsburg, as we sincerely hope it will be, let it be with the idea that the wealthy will pay for the instruction of the poor, not however, by giving the lectures absolutely tree, but at such a price that the cost of a ticket for the course will be within the means of all. Let each manufacturer and each employer of labor do something to enable those under him to acquire some healthful knowledge and receive the incentive to spend his leisure hours profitably. It will be bread cast upon the waters, which will surely return, though it may be after many days. Mr. John Morley has well said: "What we see every day with increasing clearness is that not only the well being of the many, but the chances of the exceptional genius, moral or intellectual, in the gifted few, are highest in a society where the average interest, curiosity, capacity, are all highest." Let this be borne in mind by those who have any means to spare, and they will see that in helping others to rise in the intellectual scale they are indeed improving their own surroundin s, just as much as when they plant flowers and tend the grass plat in front of their own doors.

Personal Influence Important.

Personal Influence Important. -In a previous article the work of the class" was spoken of and its importance hinted at. Here also the committee can do most important work, in using personal in-fluence with men and women and thus encouraging them to study and accustom them-selves to express their ideas, both in conversation during the class and by preparing written papers on some topic connected with the course of lectures. The generality of people have no idea how much more interesting a subject becomes when they are able to expound it to another; and the reflax action thereof is most valuable for the one attempting it. Then, too, the committee can be of great service in getting together the best books on the subject of the lecture course, and calling attention to them, loaning them open for reference at stated times to all comers. In England many reading clubs have been formed in connection with University Extension, and in them the subject of a lecture course continued to be studied over summer and until a new course was delivered in the autumn. There is no doubt as to the value of such work; and the local committee can, by furthering it, become a real power for good in the community. written papers on some topic connected

nity.

The American Society is now preparing a plan for the issuing of graded certificates for work done in connection with University Extension, and hope to have the recognition of leading colleges as to their value. There will thus be added the incentive of ambition to the desire of gaining culture, as these certificates will doubtless prove an object of detificates will doubtless prove an object of de-sire, just as the diploma of our High School or the Western University is an object of pride to him who has won it by hard and honest work. The closing days of the present month are expected to witness a grea gathering of university men in Philadel-phia, all interested in the work of University Extension. Five hundred delegates from all parts of the Union and from Canada will probably assemble, and the work receive such a recognition and indorsement as to insure a great broadening in its field of activ-

ity in the near future. This Is a Splendid Field.

-ALLEGHENY COUNTY is wealthy and energetic and has a vast working popula-tion, many members of which would gladly embrace an opportunity for self-help in the equisition of healthful knowledge. The Academy of Science and Art, the Carnegie Library of Allegheny, the Western Univer-sity, the High Schools of both cities, all would be good centers for the spread of a ters of new power and good in the community. The churches, with their already existing organizations for charity, could lend a helping hand and do a work that would be charity of the truest kind; for what charity can be better than helping men and women toward a more useful, because better life? A republic, of all forms of government, has most need of intelligence in its people, and one of the noblest fruits of patriotism would be to help along the intellectual enlightenment of those about us. Every one can'do something, and by the aid of many hands the work will be lighter for each. "What we can do," said the author above quoted, "is by diligently using our own minds and diligently seeking to extend our own opportunities to others, to help, to ters of new power and good in the com

own minds and diligently seeking to extend our own opportunities to others, to help to swell that common tide on the force and the set of whose currents depends the prosperous voyaging of humanity."

The Disparcu has brought this matter of University Extension before the community, and it remains for our progressive citizens to take the matter in hand and organize centers for the instruction of our people. We have able men in our midst, who have already done much to popularize knowledge among us, and have in many cases given their time and knowledge gratis. But the time has come when such instruccases given their time and knowledge gratis. But the time has come when such instruction should be systematized; and when the workers should receive the reward of their labors. Brain work is paid little enough at best among us; and it is asking too much to expect men of hard work and little pay, to give the best product of their brains for nothing. We trust that the community will show a decided love of progress and an appreciation of higher things, by inaugurating and carrying on this movement which

show a decided love of progress and an appreciation of higher things, by inaugurating and carrying on this movement, which is capable of doing so much for the improvement of our sister cities.

The American Society for the Extension of University Teaching has on hand a large number of syllabi of courses of lectures which they are prepared to offer. The office of the society is 1692 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; and those desiring information can address its Secretary, Mr. George Henderson there.

Chicago's Temperance Sanitarium, CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-A sanitarium for the cure of the liquor, opium and tobacco habits was opened by the Women's Chris-tian Temperance Alliance in this city to-

FISHING AT BEAVER

One morning when spring was in her teens-A morn to a poet's wishing. All tinted in delicate pinks and greens-Miss Jessic and I went fishing.

I, in my rough and easy clothes, With my face at the sunshine's With my face at the sunshine's mercy; She with her hat tipped down to her nose, And her nose tipped-vice versa. , with my rod, my reel and my books, And a hamper for lunching recesses; She, with the bait of her comely looks,

So we sat down on the sunny dyke, Where the white pond lilles teeter; And I went to fishing I'ke quaint, old Ike, And she like Simon Peter.

All the morn I lay in the light of her eyes, And dreamily watched and waited. But the fish were cunning and would not rise,

And wash see that as a flounder,
The bag was as flat as a flounder,
But Jessie had neatly hooked her game—
A hundred-and-forty pounder.
—University

A FLOATING WINE CELLAR.

Enough Liquor on a Steamer to Make City Intoxicated. New York, Dec. 24.—The big French steam-ship Chateau Lafte arrived in port yester-day with enough wines and brandles in her hold to make all New York as tight as a brick and keep her in a mellow condition until New Year's. Her cargo was the largest of its kind which ever reached this or any other American port. Wine merchants had been awaiting anxiously the arrival of the Chateau Lafite in order to replenish their stock for the holidays. She was due

When she was reported yesterday all possible preparations were made to get her "passed" by the customs and health officers as quickly as possible. Tags were sent down to meet her. The consignees interceded with the port officers, and by noon the Chatean Lefite was in tow and making for her dock as quickly as the puffing tags could move her. The work of disobarging her cargo was continued all last night, and a fresh gang of stevedores will be put to work this morning. The cargo consists of 5,000 cases of fine wines, including champagnes, 130 barrels of brandy, 40 years old: 339 barrels of claret and port wines of the vintage of 1860 and 1870 respectively, three immense casks of claret wine of a later vintage, each cask containing 1,000 gallons, and 445 cases of barrels of cheaper wines and cases of French cordial. When she was reported yesterday all pos-

THE MEXICAN FAMINE

Not a Drop of Rain Has Fallen Sinc Early Last Spring. Sr. Louis, Dec. 24.-Mr. L. T. Woods, form-erly of this city, but who has been in business in Mexico for the past three years, is in the city. He comes from Saltillo, in the State of Coahuila, which is about the center business in which he has been engaged has

of the drought and lamine district. The business in which he has been engaged has taken him all through the Coahulia district on horseback, and he says that no idea of the suffering of the poor people can be grained unless one were to travel through the country and see for himself.

"Little can be learned in the cities along the railroads," said he, "for there are no newspapers of any consequence published there, and the tendency of the few is rather to disguise than give the whole facts. Besides, they have no adequate means of gaining accurate knowledge of the real condition of affairs. The drought set in two years ago, and there has not been rain enough since to wet the ground. There has not a drop of rain fallen there since last May, and then it was hardly enough to dampen the ground. In consequence, two successive crops have failed. The cattle have nearly all died or become diseased, and are unfit for meat. Corn, which is the only other thing that the poor people can get at all, has gone up to a price almost beyond their reach, and ther condition is as bad as it can possibly be."

THE NEW PACIFIC CABLE

The Completion of the Survey by the United States Steamer & Ibatross,

Honolulu, Dec. 24.—The Charleston arrived December 5 from Yokohama, Japan. She experienced unusually rough weather for the first ten days of the trip. All are well. Her destination is notmade public as she is under secret orders re-ceived while in Yokohama, but it is rumored that she goes direct to Acapulco, Mexico, to coal, and await orders, should her presence

coal, and await orders, should her presence be needed further south.

The United States Fish Commission steamer Albatross arrived here November 24 from San Francisco, having completed a line of soundings for the new submarine cable which will connect the islands with the United States. The greatest depth observed was 3,784 fathoms, equal to a little more than four miles, about 600 miles east of the island of Oahn. After coaling and taking on board the sounding wire just arrived from San Francisco, the Albatross will return to the coast, running a line of soundings from the islands to Monterey, Cal., direct.

WASHINGTON PERSONALS. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.-Secre tary Elkins made a short visit to the Pres dent this morning, and then went to the War Department, accompanied by Secretary Blaine, where the oath of office was administered to him by Chief Clerk Tweedale, He spent a few hours receiving officials, and left the city on an afternoon train for Elkins, W. Va., where he will spend Christ-mas with his family. It is understood that he will not enter actively on the discharge of his new duties until after New Year's Day, although he will probably return to

REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT, of Pennsyl vania, who is confined to his residence by an attack of the grip, is reported to b slightly better to-day. Congressman Mills' health continues to improve. Speaker Crisp remained in his room to-day, and denied himself to all callers. He needs rest badly, and is quite sick, although not dancerously as

THE delegation of Blackfoot Indians which is visiting this city was given a reception by the President this afternoon.

THERE were few signs of life at the Capi-THERE were few signs of life at the Capitol to-day. Two or three Senators spent an hour or two in the forenoon in their committee rooms, and seven Representatives writing at their desks barely relieved the eserted appearance of the hall of the House. As a result of Mr. Springer's thoughtfulness the employes at the Capitol received the pay for the month of December to-day, and the majority were excused from duty in order to afford them opportunity to buy their Christmas presents. Most of the Senators and Representatives have left Washington for their homes, and there is no probability that committee work will be undertaken during the holiday recess.

MR. CRISP'S COMMITTEES.

THE Speaker's committee list is out, and now look out for squalls .- Philadelph

nuirer.

THE committees, as a whole, are fairly well made up. The Speaker has disregarded pre-bedent in making the assignments and the House in its organization reflects his own GEOGRAPHICALLY considered, the Speaker has made a very fair distribution, and in as signing the strongest men to the most im-

portant committees he has given the best essible assurance that the business of the House will be intelligently considered .-Philadelphia Times. THE composition of the Ways and Means Committee is a vindication of the McKinley tariff bill from Democrats and by Democrats. The organization of the committee

of Congress under these circumstances is nore gratifying to Republicans than to Democrats .- New York Press. THE committees announced yesterday by Speaker Crisp will, we think, meet the approval of the country. They are, on the whole, composed with judgment as well as independence. If they work well and turn out no mischievous legislation, who will complain of them?-New York Sun.

THE House committees as made up by Mr. Crisp will be on the whole fairly satisfactory to the Democratic party in and out of Con gress. They are reasonably representative; they are strong and well equipped for the work to be done and will approach the oblems of the session in a safely conserve tive spirit .- New York World. SPEAKER CRISP had a bad job on his hands,

quickly as possible. Of the result it may perhaps be truthfully said that it is no vorse than was expected. Of course, there is wailing and gnashing of teeth among Mills forces—that was inevitable.—No York Tribune. Ox the judgment or fairness of the Speaker in the distribution of the honors involved in the appointments to committees, our readers can form their own opinion on

and has chosen to get through with it as

the careful analysis of the facts given in our Washington dispatches. They will hardly regard his course as strengthening the party where it most needs strength, and where strength would be most needs. strength would be most useful to it. -New York Times. Lincoln Still Bolds Office. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] It is again reported from London that

Minister Lincoln is soon to resign. This is his customary way of reminding the world that he still holds the office. Peary's Expedition a Success. The Peary expedition is a pronounced success. Its appeal for a relief party has

CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIETY.

How the Gay Holiday Was Observed in the Focial World-Manager McCullough Very Kindly Remembered-Reign of the Violets-Chatter of Society.

DURING the week Manager E. J. McCullough, of the Duquesne Theater, has been harassed by fears of a strike or some conspiracy against him among the employes of the theater. Their mysterious conferences alarmed him, and he was ready for the worst when a summons reached him at 7 o'clock last night to come upon the stage, where all the employes were gathered. Harry Schwab as the ringleader broke the news to Mr. Mc-Cullough, it was not so bad after all, viz: that his subordinates in the thea er wished to give him a gold watch as a token of their esteem. Mr. Schwab explained the plotting humorously and handed over the watch, which is a very handsome one, and a chain of gold and platinum, to Mr. and a chain of gold and pathum, to Mr. McCullough, who had only words enough to say "Thank you" very heartly. Besides the Duquesne employes a number of newspaper men, with whom Mr. McCullough is deservedly most popular, were present. After the show Manager McCullough gave the men a dinner at William Jacobs'.

SINCE Miss Newport, Mrs. A. E. W. Painter's guest, praised the art of the Pittsburg florist in arranging violets, the exremely expensive little beauty has rushed tremely expensive little beauty has rushed into favor. Bunches containing \$50 violets were sold yesterday at \$5, or, 15 into \$60, at 4 cents apiece. But the violets were exquisite; in size pushing a small carnation very closely. Fashionable young women were the recipients of huge boquets of them yesterday, which, by the way, look no longer like the snowballs in their arrangement. The florist who knows his business displays as much versatility in his manner of treating violets as if it were 50 varieties of flowers he had to harmonize.

THE novel arrangement of the rooms on the second floor of George W. Dilworth's house, the old Chambers residence, allows them to be turned into one on the occasion of any large function. This was done at the wedding reception recently after the church exemony which transformed Miss Dilworth into Mrs. Childs. There were no archways nor folding doors to mar the view or break the continuity, and the presentment scene was mignificent enough to embarrass the pen of him who would attempt to depict it.

AFTER a custom of hers, Miss Elizabeth Tindle commissioned Gernert's Orchestra to spend the entire afternoon yesterday in the spend the entire afternoon yesterday in the various wards of the West Penn Hospital, playing for the patients. Miss Tindle's thoughtfulness as expressed in this particularly pleasing way, has given her a pleasant place in the memories of many, who, otherwise would find the hospital a dull place in the holiday time. There is no one whose arrival is more eagerly expected there than Miss Tindle's nor whose departure brings more regret, as the young lady has as many friends in the institution as there are patients.

Social Chatter.

The Misses Mary and Madelaine Laughlin, who gave a party on Wednesday night with their mother, Mrs. Alex Laughlin, Jr., for cicerone, had as guests Miss Mary Painter, Miss Rossalind Smith, Miss Rebecca Darlington, Miss Anna Scalle, Miss Bessie Webster, Miss Marguerite Singer, Miss Mary E. Brown, Miss Patti and Miss Leila Rogers, Mr. Kenneth Painter, Mr. Alexander Chambers, Alex Laughlin and Alex Byers.

Ar Miss Arbuthnot's breakfast the other day, for Mrs. Otis H. Childs, music was introduced, making it the first time in Pittsburg that an orchestra played at a function, which did not include a formal reception. The breakfast was in courses, its discussion occupying more than two hours, and during the entire time a string band discoursed the most delightful music.

There is no private house in Pittsburg where guests can be accommodated with such facilities for dancing as that over which Mrs. A. E. W. Painter reigns as mistress. The entire lower floor almost can be turned into one large apartment, the dimensions of which are great enough to tax the ambitious energy of the debutante after several turns.

The entire house will be thrown open this evening at the Pittsburg Club, when it will be seen for the first time in its renovated condition. The Rhodes ball will be all the more memorable on this account. It would have been a charming opportunity for some debutante to have immortalized herself by making her debut on such an eventful night. A most interesting speciacle these days is the sight of a small messenger boy, with a big package, listening to a young man as he gives minute directions for the finding of his best girl's house. The district messenger office was so crowded last night that one ouldn't send a word in edgeways, to say othing of one's self going in edgeways.

MR. PAUL BLOUET (Max O'Rell) has consented to make a farewell visit to Pittsburg, which will be all the more noteworthy since he comes in the interest of the French mission established in Pittsburg by his fellow countryman, Henri Rollin Parker. His subject will be "America as Seen Through French Glasses."

THE Glee Club of the Western University is composed of the following young singers: First tenors, Messrs. High Parkinson and Evans; second tenors, Messrs. Calvert, G. H. McGrew and Sapn; first bass, Messrs. Wilson, Calvert, Riddle and Dorrington; second

THE Misses Rogers, granddaughters of Mrs. Alex Chambers, were hostesses at a fancy dress ball last night at which the fashionable "youngsters" of the two cities were largely represented.

MR. AND MRS. C. A. Nicola give a dinner at the Duquesne Club to-day at 3 o'clock to a number of ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. AND Mrs. C. C. Arensburg, of Oak-mont, will give a dinner this evening for 16

THE invitations have been issued for Miss Julia Watson's ball on New Year's eve.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—By the 1st of January the Baitimore and Ohio Railroad Company will give out contracts for the con

struction of a number of new locomotives, including passenger, freight and switch engines. The contract will be for not loss than 40 locomotives. These engines will be constructed according to the Baltimore and Onio's own designs. They will be of the most powerful and modern type, having every improvement now known in the construction of engines.

The company now has in service 837 locomotives, some having been in almost continuous service for 35 years, while others have only been in use six months. One engine that is performing regular service was built in 1835. Mr. Hazelhorst says the company will exhibit some of its old engines at the World's Fair, and he has already arranged to have the original engineer who ran the old engine in 1835 on board. The engineer is Joseph York, now living in Meadville.

Chicago Inter Ocean.1

Congressman Daizeil is the favorite of the anti-Quay Republicans for successor to Quay in the Senate. Pennsylvania promises

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Shad are used as money in many of the

because it is so cold in their country that washing is very uncomfortable.

-In Holland the children hang up their

-The largest siphon, probably, is on the levee between McKinney lake and the Mis-sissippi river. The main pine is two feet in diameter and 216 feet in length, and is has a discharging capacity of 25,000,000 gallons a day.

ecause they are used in certain forms of worship where they are placed on the altar and burned with a hot bluish flame. The fumes are supposed to be acceptable to the

crease of the women's vote in Boston. Only three years ago 20,252 women registered, and all but about 800 of them voted. Last year only 7,92's voted and next year it is estimated that the number will be reduced to 6,000.

with beans and carrots on Christmas Eve, and set them in the chimney place for the good Saint's horse. In the morning they ex-pect to find them filled with sweetmeats and fruit in return for their good behavior.

view as a distinctive race. In Europe they are found in the greatest number to-day in Hungary and Wallachia, where there are 500,000.

Africa. Its territory extends from Fez in Morocco down to that London of the Soudan the great trade emporium. Kano, and thus comprises more than one-third of the whole of Africa, about 4 000 000 square miles, with a population of 70,000,000, but even in this coin there are differences. -It is computed by leading physiologists

on or in his brain matter 3,467,380,000 impressions. Or, again, take off one-third of the time for sleep, and we still find 5,311,320,000 This would give 3,155,760,000 separate waking impressions on the man who lives to the agreement of the state of the state of the specific of the state of -In such repute was amber in Rome in the time of the historian Pliny that he re marks sarcastically: "The price of a smal figure in it, however diminutive, exceed ingure in it, nowever diministry, exceeds that of a living, healthy slave." He observes also: "True it is that a collar of am ber beads worn about the necks of young infants is a singular preservative agains secret poison and a counter charm for witcheraft and sorceries."

.The divorce contagion has re firland. Not long ago a chief invoked the assistance of the law to enable him to dipense with a wife on the following ground of complaints: "Wife talk too much with neighbors: too much paint face and eye brows: too much snore in sicep: too much loss, and too much no good." And yet the Kaffir cannot acquire the graces of civiliza

-Games of chance were prohibited by Mohammed, and in the Koran were placed as sins in the same category as wine drink ing. Herodotus tells us that the Egyptian were dicers, but whether they were gam blers is not stated. Their favorite game wa one played with draughtsmen, and there is good evidence to believe that this is, if no the most ancient game, at least one of the most ancient most ancient.

-Algol, the variable star in Pereus, has long been a mystery. Its light remains con stant for two and a half days. It then be gins to fade, and in less than four hour diminishes to an insignificant star, remaining thus for about 20 minutes, when it re gains its former brilliancy. It has lon been suspected that a dark body revolves about Algol, and which, coming between u

-The United States uses 2,400,000,000 eigarettes per year, or about 68 for each o the adult population, or 100 for each male Russia consumes 2,593,000,000; Austria, 1,960, 600,000. French smokers cousume 10,600,000 francs' worth of cigarettes every year. It one term of 58 days no lewer than 80.00 cirarettes of a certain brand were sold brone tobacconist in Cambridge, while the total number smoked there in the academical year of 168 days is estimated at 3,300,000.

-Of other metals which are used i coinage in civilized lands copper is used to quite an extent in Africa. The cannibal istic Niam-Niam especially like the English bar copper of one-inch diameter. Expedi bar copper of one-inch diameter. Expeditions to the territory of the Niam-Niam therefore, have generally been forced to include several coppersmiths, and these men, as soon as the Niam-Niam land i reached, applied themselves to transforming the bars of copper into rings of size varying from that of a bracelet to that of tiny finger-ring. And so great is the love of the Niam-Niam for these baubles that even one of the small copper finger-rings (values than a cent) would purchase a fachicken of them.

PICKINGS FROM PUCK.

Johnny Boy-Mama, is the Queen of Eng and 1,900 years old? Mrs. Boy-Of course not, Johany. Johnny Boy-But I saw in the paper s bout "Victoria, B. C." 'Twas the night after Christmas,

And all through the house Not a creature was sleeping-Not even a mouse. Mince-pie, cheese and coffee Had got in a lick, And at 4 in the morning Were raising Old Nick. Philanthropist-Take whichever you lik-

the drum or the whistle, Small Boy-Which makes the most noise Mrs. Pugh-There was a great deal o readth to Dr. Teck's sermon this morning.

Pugh-But still it wasn't as broad as it was lon The Christmas papers now appear,

The most of them comprising A page or two of Christmas cheer And stacks of advertising. Katy Didd-It isn't proper for girls t limb trees, is it mama? Mrs. Didd-Not this season, dear; but you ca ide your safety bicycle.

Officer O'Toole—Let me sell you a ticke

the grand ball of the Sons of St. Patrick. William Mann-Any special inducement? Officer O'Toole-Yes; you needn't attend if you A chemical chauge to some seems strange, But 'tis not strange to me, for turns my thought to changes wrought More wonderful to see. How does it chance that ignorance

nely girls may be onverted, in the pret Satan-Who 's that out there?

Doorman-A fellow calling himself Oc Satan-Oh, ho! Well, detain him a m

sider the merits of any of the candidates for the late Senator Plumb's seat until after the

tively on condition that they emigrate to this country. The money was to be paid to them at the British Consulate in New York, and the objection that they are penniless is to a certain extent technical. It is plain that the objection is proper, and that the attempt of the British Government to get rid of its obligations at our expense ought to be frustrated. It is a

in a poorhouse, and it is notorious that the pensions England grants her disabled soldiers and sailors are inadequate to keep body and soul together. It does no harm to contrast this country's generous remembrance of her defenders with the neglect and parsimony that characterize many of the older na-

HARTINGTON MADE HARMLESS,

tions' dealings with their veterans.

The removal of Lord Hartington to the House of Lords is a blow to the Conservative majority in the lower branch of Parliament. The stars in their courses seem to fight for Gladstone and the Liberal cause. Lord Hartington is not a statesman of enormous magnitude, but he is a corruscating success as compared with the common run of Tory aristocrats who play at serving the people. In the House of Commons he was the most respected and potential advocate of the Unionist idea in the Tory ranks. He learnt all he knows in the Liberal camp, and was, before he fell a victim to his aristocratic tendencies and ties, a valued lieutenant of the Grand Old Man himself. He succeeds to political obliteration as well as his

father's title, for more positive thinkers

and speakers than the new Duke of Devonshire have succumbed to the soporific influence of the House of Lords, and it is not likely that he will have the ambition, much less the power, to smash

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A CHRISIMAS GREETING.

of us, accepted as it comes in the proces-

young people need no injunction

harm comes of the gracious interchange

of tokens of goodwill at Christmas. The

exaggeration of the emblem into a monu-

The dawn of another year is rosily break-

THIS REPUBLIC IS GRATEFUL.

The aphorism, too often accepted as a

An example of the ingratitude of the

immigrants are now detained by the cus-

toms officers of the port because they are

penniless and manifestly liable to become

charges upon the country wherein they

may settle. They are both veterans of

the Crimean War and pensioners of the

British Government, and had commuted

their pensions for \$475 and \$1,000 respec-

shameless and indecent piece of meanness

of which so great a nation as the British

should never have been guilty. But it is

not the first time that England has shown

herself unwilling to take care of those

who have risked life and lost health or

limbs in her defense. Recently a survivor

of the famous Balaclava charge, one of

the immortal Six Hundred, was discovered

wish that both are assured.

monarchical governments.

for whom we re-erect it.

the sleepy propriety of the dormitory into which the fates have beckened him. Vol. 6, No. 23. -Entered at Pittsburg Postoffice Sovember, 1857, as second-class matter. It is a rather touching spectacle, a proad-shouldered young fellow tied up for Business Office---Corner Smithfield life in the straight-jacket of his rank. The consolation is that he had chosen before the elevation came to direct his talents and News Rooms and Publishing House energies to the holding back of the cause of liberty. The Liberal-Unionists inside the Tory lines will be more forlorn than ever without their most able leader, and EASTERN ADVERTISING OFFICE, ROOM 76, TRIBUNE BUILDING, NEW YORK, where com-plete files of THE DISPATCH can always be found. Foreign advertisers appreciate the convenience. Home advertisers and friends of THE DISPATCH, widle in New York, are also made welcome. the fight in the Commons is likely more than ever to end in a sweeping victory for

the Liberals in the country.

BEST AVAILABLE TESTIMONY. The suggestion of the lawyers, that as a ody they take a hand in the nomination of future judges, is all right to the extent to which it may be found possible to operate it. There are none in the community so well prepared by experience and personal knowledge to judge of the qualifications of candidates for the bench. Also, the united testimony and recommendation of the bar would go farther with the public in the choice of judges

THE DAILY DISPATCH is delivered by carriers at 15 cents per week, or, including Sunday Edition, at political convention. TWELVE PAGES The man who grumbles because Christmas no longer seems the glorious season that he knew when he was a boy is unreasonable. He does not complain be-

cause he can no longer eat candy by the political influences. pound and peanuts by the peck, or settle business disputes with his fists, or play "postoffice" or "blindman's buff," or kiss any or all the desirable young women who cross his path within the magic circle of the mistletoe-yet they are part and parcel of that good old Christmas to which he is prone to allude with the regretful declaration that it has gone never to re-It is indeed an unhappy truth that a man cannot be a boy again—the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table illustrated the futility of such retrogression with delightful humor long ago. But Christmas may be still a season of abounding joy to most sion of toil and trouble in which every man must keep step. A very good plan

ordinary political convention.

A BOON TO THE SOUTHSIDE. When an architect designs a market nouse he commonly aims low and hits something in which utility is more prominent than beauty. But the Southside stands a good chance of getting an exception to the rule. The market house Chief Bigelow has chosen contains, he says, all the modern improvements for the transaction of market business that a tour of the principal cities brought to light, and is at the same time, as the readers of THE-

vate, on the Southside, and a consider able addition to the architectural treasures of what may be termed the new Pittsburg. Another unusual feature of the plans is the moderate outlay they involve. Beauty is apt to come high when a city buys it, monly cheap, on paper, anyhow. The policy of equipping the city with buildings that are ornamental as well as useful

If Cleveland is to be forbidden to preach political purity and the elevation of citizenship on these grounds, such doctrines cannot be expounded by any but the remnant of statesmen who are in retirement principally because they will not form alliances with practical politicians. In fact, there is no conspicuous leader in either party to-day who is not disqualified for preaching in this spirit by what the Tribune would be glad to have people believe is Cleveland's peculiar and besetting hypocrisy. Practice and preaching are wider apart in politics, as a rule, than in any other walk of life. More's the pity.

enjoying one of that character yesterday.