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PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 80

REAL ROAD WORK WANTE ?.

The offer of Captain J. B. Ford to advance \$3,000 to improve the road between Hite's and Tarentum, referred to in our news columns, was an encouraging attemp to make a start in the building of durable roads. If manufacturers and leading citizens generally would interest themselves in the subject of road reform it would not be long before decisive progress would be made in that important work. Unfortunately the strict construction of law, which gives trustees no power to borrow money for road purposes, would not permit the acceptance of the offer. If it was made with a full understanding that the agreement would not be a binding one as against the township, we see no reason why Captain Ford's money might not have been accepted and applied to first-class road construction, to the great advantage of the people of that vicinity.

The declination of the offer properly suggests the passage of a law permitting township trustees to borrow money for road improvements. This would not insure the abolition of the false methods of work which leave the roads no better than at first, but it would give each lo cality power to adopt an intelligent plan if it has the enterprise to do so. If one township under this plan built good roads its neighbors would quickly follow the example. The power to borrow money should of course be closely guarded against abuse. A popular vote would be required in most cases by the Constitution, and the law might do well to establish that requirement even where the Constitution does not. With these limitations a measure of this sort would induce a start at permanent road work pending the adoption of a more comprehensive system. The main thing is to secure a practical demonstration by examples of durable and solid roads. When such roads can be found in every county the farmers will very soon convert their opposition into an urgent demand for the universal extension

THE NEW YORK DECISION.

of such highways.

New York's political squabble has been ended by the decision of the Court of Appeals, which gave two of the four contested Senatorial seats to the Democrats, one to the Republicans, and left one to be

asked to name the worst book of the year | their agricultural character is not apparent they would certainly have had a wider range of selection. Finally, if any man or roman undertakes to say what is the best book of a year, do they not acknowledge that they have read all published in that time? Do these seven unfortunate persons plead guilty to having comm that dreary and profitless offense?

MORE SPINK NEEDED.

A large share of the lawlessness of the day is due to the opportunity given it by for the purpose of maintaining peaceful re-lations with Chile. Mr. Blaine is sensible enough to perceive that there is more per-manent credit in extending the commerce of the country than in getting a war for the the collective cowardice of society. In other words, thieves and thugs are ramexaltation of the naval officers.

Evidence to that effect presents itself both in the shape of pusillanimity in the presence of desperadoes and in demonstrations of the ease with which robbers can be disposed of when people pluck up the spunk to do it. Some years ago a few robbers on a Western train plundered its passengers, including a detachment of United States soldiers, which, considering that they are supposed to be defenders of the nation's peace, raised the serious ques-

tion who shall defend the defenders? In two Eastern Pennsylvania counties farmers are afraid to take steps to detect a gang of barn-burners for fear that their own barns will be burned. This climax of pusillanimity is fully equaled by the record of those hundreds of Southern citi-

outlaws with meekness as long as the captors and lynched.

crowd is all the weaker from the fact that when anyone has the courage to take the initiative resistance is always successful. The other day a Chicago and Northwestern train was "held up" in the Northwest, but the road agent happened to strike a fighting crowd in the persons of two plucky train hands and promptly fled, leaving his booty. Up in Fayette county the general tendency has been to bow to the plunderings of the Coolly gang for the sake of peace; but when an irate farmer opened fire on a party plundering his barn and shot one of them the rest promptly took to their heels. In a popular government, law cannot be maintaine

found that life and property are safe. If honest men will pluck up more courage the boldness of the rascals will very soon be found to be a vanishing quality.

A ROLL OF DEATH.

Startling statistics are given this morning on the murderous work of the railroads within Allegheny county. The loss of 230 lives this year, of 259 the year before and the total of over a thousand in the past five years will make the thoughtful ponder on the sacrifice of human life to the era of modern industrial enter-

Nevertheless, it is a question whether

If made a naval bureau the appropriateness would be much more manifest in the con venience of telling the fish stories to the marines. THE fact that whenever a European King

rets out of a job he gravitates inevitably to Paris is a singular commentary on the royal acceptance of and confidence in the newest an republic.

pant because they have good reason to believe that the average crowd is too lamblike to resist them.

to be in order.

zens who endured the yoke of the Sims

gang was at large. When they surrendered to troops with a cannon the patient public suffered its wrath to break forth, and the prisoners were taken from their willing

This collective cowardice of the average

unless the people support it. When citi-zens take their duty boldly in hand it is

prise. A large share of this loss is of cour furnished by people who persist in walking on railroad tracks. A heavy proportion is also undoubtedly due to causes preventable, such as grade crossings and the antique coupler system. In default of definite statistics on these points it is. however, a public service to call attention to the danger shown in these returns in the practice of walking the tracks.

the proposition to make track-walking a misdemeanor would mend matters much. If the example of five deaths week on railroads within the county does not deter people from using the tracks as thoroughfares it is likely that the

FOR GOOD ROADS.

Captain Ford's Philanthropy-fie Offers Township a Loan, but the Law Prevents Its Acceptance-The Mud Highways Almost Impassable Now.

THERE is an assertion in the New York World that Mr. Blaine's entire work in the State Department since his return has been seen out on the read for the last time this

winter. Captain J. B. Ford, the plate glass manufacturer, has offered to advance \$1,000 to East Deer township, Allegheny county, to As to weather, the hard winter-prophets will have to get up a combine before long in order to save themselves. A restriction of production of hard winter predictions seems

THE insurrection in China is evidently not making as rapid progress as was re-ported a few weeks ago. The rebels have not yet advanced on Pekin beyond the Great Wall, nor have they been dispersed. There is yet a large amount of possibility in the outbreak, but the days of the present dynasty are far from being numbered.

THE war still rages fiercely in the press dispatches, but generally manages not to let the sun go down on its wrath.

Now a report is abroad that the work of the Fifty-first Congress in the line of lavish expenditures made retrenchment in this Congress impossible. This looks like a weak evasion for the Democrats. They can get down 'appropriations if they can summon stamina enough to shut down on the log rolling of the individual statesmen.

FAVORITES OF FORTUNE. GENERAL BUTLER has recovered from

his recent case of the grip. LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL while traveling uses cakes of somebody's essence of life for food.

PROF. WILLIAM R. WARE, of Columbia College, is considered one of the best authori ties on architecture. . MRS. JANE SIMPSON, wife of Jerry, is the accredited Washington correspondent of the Medicine Lodge Indez.

CARDINAL MANNING does all his literary work on a small writing pad which he rests on his knees. He is now past 83 and is growing feeble.

LADY HARRIS, wife of the Governor o. Bombay, is an ardent cricketer, and in a re cent cricket match was captain of the winning eleven.

REV. F. A. WARFIELD, of the Congrega tional Church of Boston, who has received a not to accept it.

PRINCE GEORGE, of Wales, was allowed to leave his bedroom Monday for the first time since he was taken ill with typhoid fever. His mother will go to Sandringham Palace on Wednesday. GENERAL AND MRS. MILES left for

Washington Monday to attend the marriage of Dr. Thorndyke and Miss Rachel Shorman which occurs the latter end of the week General Miles will return January 7. GENERAL SAMUEL STOKELY, one of the

prominent politicians in the old days of Steubenville, nominated Sherman for the first office he ever held. This was 40 years ago and Honest John has been in office ever since.

GLADSTONE \$2 YEARS OLD.

Old Neighbors at Hawarden and Nev Friends Abroad Congratulate Him. Loxnox Dec. 29 -- Mr. Gladstone is 82 years old to-day, he having been born in Liverpoo December 29, 1869. Mr. Gladstone is at pres ent at Biarritz, a French watering place of the Bay of Biscay, where he is seeking to re-cruit his strength in order to perform the parliamentary duties before him. He is accompanied by Mrs. Gladstone and John Morley. The Gladstone residence at Hawar-Wales, is deserted of all its occupants save the household servants, but this fact

onable after all .- Albany Journal.

thing to His Own Household.

PRINCETON WILL BE BENEFITED. Directors of the Union Theological Scm inary Likely to Lose Bequests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-[Special.]-The oppo-ments of Prof. Churles A. Briggs in the Pres

-WITHIN the last few days complaints of bad roads in all parts of Allegheny county have been multiplying. The farm-ing element that is to be seen every day up at the Court House give the most authentic second to of the affect of last work's damp accounts of the effect of last week's damp weather upon the highways. They tell about double teaming already, while several were heard to declare that their horses had

be spent upon permanently repairing the main road that connects the village of Hite's with Tarentum. In probably one-half that listance the road passes through Captain Ford's manufacturing property, and his taxes at present form a considerable portion of the township's revenue. However, the

road is not much used by the big plate glass works. The wealthy owner's object is solely to stimulate the inevitable growth of entiment for better roads all over the State; to assist in placing East Deer township's ronds in front rank, and at the same time to make things more pleasant for his employes whose homes are scattered along the muddy highway.

The Law Prevents Progress

-SUPERVISOR EDMUNDSON has been compelled to decline the offer. Beyond a certain indebtedness this and other townships are not permitted by law to borrow money. When the Supervisor explained this to Captain Ford, the millionaire then put his offer in another form. "Take this \$3,000 for the roads as my own taxes in advance," he said. "The township need not pay me back the money, but

simply offset it from time to time with my assessments. Using it thus, without inter est you will be enabled to put it to good advantage on extensive and permanent repairs of the road." There was a certain shrewdness in this

latter proposition not stated by Captain Ford, but which is embodied in a principle well known to thinkers on the economic side of the country road problem, viz: To expend \$3,000 in cash on permanent road re-pairs would have actually reduced Captain Ford's taxes in the future; but that would bave been a blessing, for it would have re-duced the taxes of every other man in the township at the same time. A permanent road taxes comparatively nothing to keep n repair from year to year, while the roads as at present repaired, for each year at a

time, fairly eat up taxes. This second offer, the township authorities also declined. Mr. Edmundson reasoned truthfully enough that while he would be lad to accept Ford's taxes in advance, and expend them all at once in permanent re pairs, the successors who may hereafter be elected in his place might not feel bound to carry out the obligation which he had ac-cepted for the township. It could only be a personal matter between himself and Cap-ain Ford, and he could offer no assurance

that supervisors hereafter would respect it.

Another Legislative Blunder. -TO a reporter of THE DISPATCH, Road Supervisor Edmundson said: "This shows what might have been done by the last Legislature. Instead of setting up the costly and complicated machinery proposed in th general road law which the body tried to get hrough, why dia they not simply pass a bill authorizing townships to bor-row money for road purposes? There are plenty of townships far enough advanced in road education which would gladly do something more per manent than they do now, if they were clothed with this legal power. If we had had it here, we could have accepted Captain Ford's offer in a certain and regular way. At the same time by empowering townships to borrow money for road purposes, the Legis lature would not have been put in the post

tion of forcing something on the farming element of Pennsylvania which they did not want. It would, therefore, have encoun ered little, if any, opposition, and would have satisfied the sections of Pennsylvania which are eager to make better roads. They could then have done so without inter fering with their neighbors. I am heartily

lost it .- Minneapolis Tribune. in favor of some better system of maintain-

MUSIC MASTERS MEET.

The Pennsylvania Association Convenes in Carnegie Hall-Features of an Interesting Session-Social Chat of the Two

hents of Prof. Churles A. Briggs in the Free-byterian Church have frequently asserted that Union Theological Seminary would suffer in the end for standing by its pro-fessor of Biblical Theology, after the Gen-eral Assembly of 1891 had disapproved of his appointment. It was said that the Pres-byteries would not send their ministerial The Pennsylvania Music Teachers' Assotion opened its third annual convention yesterday morning in Carnegie Hali, the big organ pealing forth the announcement at the hands of Prof. D. D. Wood, of Philadelphia. The morning session beginning at 10 o'clock was composed of a formal address of welcome by Mr. J. J. Miller, a response by President Charles Davis Carter and an candidates to an institution which had practically cut away from the church's highest governing body by its action. There is no appreciable difference in the number of students entering Union essay by ex-President William Wolfsieffer. Mr. Miller spoke in the place of Andrew Carnegie, who was unable to be present, and by the sudden call out of town of the teries have passed resolutions directed against Union at their fall meetings. Some Mayor, Hon. H. I. Gourley, who had been selected to perform the pleasant task first alof these directly charge the seminary with

lotted to Mr. Carnegie. A letter of regret from this last named gentleman contained \$250 accompanied by many expressions of good will. Mr. Miller spoke well, though he erred in the supposimaintaining heretical teachings, and stated that the presbyteries would not send any more of their students to the seminary until its objectionable teachers were removed. It was plain to see that in these bodies Prof. Briggs was considered a heretic in spite of the decision of the New York Presbytery, By next year there may be a falling off in the Union's students, but the seminary dianomalous position he thought himself to be. His speech was on a plane much over

rectors feel confident that the number of those who stay away will be made up by liberal-minded young men who will come to Union for theological instruction. The point has also been made by the opponents of Union Seminary that the endow njoyable one.

The point has also been made by the op-ponents of Union Seminary that the endow-ments she has received in the past were given with the understanding that the insti-tution should always be under the control of the General Assembly. They have warned the directors, too, that they would lose many bequests, which would not come to them under the present condition of affairs. The directors have maintained vigorously that many of the Presbyterians who have done the most for the Union Seminary were heartily in sympa-thy with the directors in their recent action. But the first news of a be-quest to be cut off from Union in conse-quence of the controversy over Prof. Briggs comes from Maryland. John T. De Sellum, of Rockville, Md., who has recently died, made a will some time sgo leaving his prop-erty to the Union Theological Seminary. But when his will was read it was found that he had altered it a short time before his death so that his property valued at about \$1,000 went to Princeton Theological Semi-nary instead of Union, Mr. De Sellum had taken a deep interest in the discussion over Union Seminary, and when the Presbytery of Washington City, to which he belonged, passed resolutions found at large, and it will undonbediy, help to revive much of the feeling of Union, Seminary, he decided to leave his property could be no question. This action has ex-cited no little interest in the Presbyterian (hurch at large, and it will undonbediy, help to revive much of the feeling of Union freads against Princeton Seminary, which was first voiced so forcibly in Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst's famous sermon, in which be pressive against Princeton Seminary, hich be thacked Princeton vigorously. It is pretty cortain that if Union does suffer any losses Princeton will benefit by them.

this year, but nearly a dozen

M'KINLEY TO BLAINE.

the perfection of his mechanical excellence, as well as his display of feeling, and that his work did not evoke the hearty applause given to his fellow townsman was largely A Self-Explanatory Letter From Ohlo's Governor-Elect on the Subject of Hides.

deration of the

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29 .- The following letter to Secretary of State Blaine will exdue to the fact that he came at the lat plain itself: part of a well stocked programme and the

My Dear Mr. Blaine:

Your letter of the 4th instant, inclosing Hon. George Halsey's letter, is at hand. Mr. Halsey must have misunderstood me. I could not have told him that you favored a duty on hides, for at me time in the course of the cons tariff blil, you wrote me an earnest letter protesting against taking hides from the free list and placing them upon the dutiable list. I return you Mr. Halsey's letter, and will be glad

f you will send him mine. Very truly yours, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, JR. DEPOPULATING THE COUNTRY.

good things they had been fed upon. Mr. Morris Stephens, a Pittsdurger just home from abroad and recently appointed tenor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, sang the selection "How Vain Is Man," from Judas Maccabeus in a clear, ringing voice, and was complimented by a warnity expressed ap-plause. Mr. Albert W. Borst brought the afternoon session to a close by a magnificent organ recital. He labored under the disadvantage at first of not knowing his instrument, as well as being obliged to climb up and down to the organ stool when a change of music demanded. At the beginning of the Inter-mission a pupil brought up on the Virgil Practice Clavier was brought before the audience, and a display made of her success as a student. The inventor of the system, Mr. Summer Saiter, was present and dis-coursed on its martin Garr is assisting the "green Christmas" to fulfill the old saw about a "fat graveyard."-Chicago Mail.

It is no longer "La Grippe," but the grip. t has got pretty thoroughly anglicised. ston Herald.

 All, Summer Satter, was prevented and us-coursed on its merits.
Mr. Brockett also was prevented by sick ness from appearing in the evening. Among the other fine things was Miss Kaderly's singing, among her selections being a new song, "I Saw Thee Weep," by Mr. Foerster, GRIP, the railroads and dynamite are all onspiring against the next census .- Louistille Courier-Journal. It is high time Secretary Rusk was turn

Though society in Pittsburg is as consering a little cold weather loose on the grip vative as that of any other city in the coun-try, it has dropped the fashion of New Year's ns.- Washington Post THE grip is epidemic in New York, but Mr. calling with dispatch and completeness. A series of carefully selected interviews with

Cleveland is exempt. He has had his and

redecorating is completed, it will have arrangements for two distinct establish-ments, so that Mr. and Mrs. Oilver's daughter, Mrs. Harvey Rea may continue under the parental roof. Mrs. Rea is an only daughter and much loved by her parents.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

62,000,000

and 174 for girls.

and in plentiful supply.

-The gold plate at Windsor is valued at

-Paris has 190 public schools for boys

-In California strawberries are now ripe

-A Michigan minister has recently mar-

-The coal taken to London by rail and

-To photograph a flying insect requires an exposure of 1-25,000 part of a second.

-The proportion of Anglo-Saxon words a the English Bible is 97 per cent of the

-There are now about two and a quarter

millious of acres in Scotland occupied by deer forests.

-Maryland has a boy 17 years old who is

6 feet 435 inches high and weighs 185 pounds. He lifts 350 pounds with ease.

-The Sultan has prohibited Turkish

women from wearing French costumes in the streets of Constantinople.

-To procure rain the Peruvians used to

set a black sheep in a field, pour chica over it and give it nothing to est till rain fell. —An island comprised of about 50 acres

of rice land has broken loose in a river near Depere, Wis., and is floating down the stream.

-The value of the Crown of England,

exclusive of the cost of the metal, is £100,-000. It has been four times in pawn; once for £2,000 only!

-The musk antelope can send forth such

a powerful odor of musk that even at the distance of 100 yards he can smother his

-The first Russian newspaper was pub-ished in 1765. Peter the Great took a per-

sonal part in its editorial composition and in correcting proofs.

solutely floodless river in the world. Its greatest variation, caused by drought or rain, never exceeds a foot.

-Hindostan, Martin county, Ind., has

fisappeared from the face of the earth. It

was once a county seat, and in the early days an important trading post.

-The banking business in London is

much greater on the fourth of every month

than on other days, as drafts and acceptances commonly mature on the 1st-4th.

-A full-blooded Indian of the Omnha

tribe. Martin Chase, has been admitted to

pratice in the Federal Court at Omaha. This is Nebraska's first and only Indian lawyer.

-Cigar ashes are used for medical pur-

oses as a cure for ringworm, epidemic

scarlating, etc. They are useful on account of the lime and alcoholic properties they

-The Speaker of the House of Commons

draws a salary of £5,000 a year while in

office, and when he retires he is raised to

the peerage, and receives a pension of £4,000.

The Deputy Speaker receives a salary of

-There are ten main lines of railway

entering in London. Of these 2,210 suburban

trains run in and out daily, while the main-

line trains are only about 410. The ten lines carry 400,000,600 suburban passengers per annum.

-According to this theory of Mr. Thomp

son, the end of the world (which is 10,000,000

years in the future) will not be brought about by excessive heat, as hinted in the Bible, but by the remnant of humanity being frozen to death.

-In recent years a number of expedi-

tions, scientific and commercial, have conched at Nova Zembla, but the island is

till little known, and even the greater part of its const line is not yet accurately laid lown on the maps.

-In Waterbury, Conn., an engine which

stands on a space of 7-16 of an inch square and reaches a height of % of an inch has

been made. It has 148 parts held together by 22 screws. The diameter of the cylinder is 1-26 of an inch and the whole weighs three

-The sacred standard at Constantinople

is believed to be formed of the nether gar-ment of Mohammed, and a pair of his py-

jamas, which are reverentially preserved as Lahore, are held by the faithful to have mirroulously extinguished a fire at that place no longer ago than 1849.

-The Japanese believe in more mythical

-The Chinese cultivated wheat 2,700

years before the beginning of the Christian

era, always considering it as a gift direct

from heaven. Scientific agriculturists are

of the opinion that it was widely known and

of introducted by prehistoric man. At the pres-ent time it is the principal bread corn of the leading European nations, and is fast sup-planting the use of maize, or Indian corn, in

-In the district of Transvlvania when

-The St. Lawrence river is the only ab-

enemy to death.

ontain

\$2 500.

grains.

death.

the American states.

ried a negress whom he converted.

canal exceeds 8,000,000 tons per annum.

MR. WILLIAM HAVEMEVER. Of New York, Cities. whose wife has Madame Geraldy-Delsarte for her friend and guest, has six Rembrandts hanging on the walls of her New York residence. Their price could not be computed, since they are among the finest examples of the master's work.

work. MR. AND MRS. ANDREW CARNEGIE WORD among the guests at the coming-out ball given by Jay Gould for his daughter, Miss Helen, who is just 19, and a rival in beaut of her lovely sister-in-law, young Mrs George Gould. INVITATIONS for the wedding of Miss Lewis and Mr. Joseph Marshall were issued yester day. They aunounce that the ceremony will take place in the Fourth Avenue Rap tist Church on Thursday evening, Jan nary 7.

W. H. KERCH, the furniture man, gave the w. n. Askes, the infiniture man, gave the annual banquet to his employes at the Seventh Avenue Hotel last evening. The Grand Army Band furnished the music. Everybody present had a good time. It is said that young Reuben Miller, IV... who is a promising Yale man, affects, poetry in his spare moments; and doesn't write it badly, either. tion-a supposition which was the ground work of his speech-that the State Musical Association convened in Allegheny for other reason than the cogent one that Pittsburg does not possess a hall suitable for such an event, and that, therefore, he was not in the

To-NIGHT a children's party at Mrs. C. B. McLain's house in Winebiddle avenue. the intelligent audience he was addressing. President Carter responded to the welcome in what might be termed a professional speech, and at the same time, a thoroughly BECIPROCITY WITH NEIGHBORS.

The British West Indies Come in Under th New Order of Things.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29 .- A reciprod

arrangement has been entered into between Secretary Blaine and the British Minister,

o embrace the British West Indian col

ion: trees, plants, vines and seeds and grains il kinds for propagation or cultivation; wire for theses; propagation or cultivation; wire for

Coal and coke; sugar, refined; wire for fence or appliances for fastening the same; zinc, tin a

It is understood that the packages or cov-rings in which the articles named in the oregoing schedule are imported shall be rece of duty if they are usual and proper for

the purposes. Articles to be admitted at 50 per cent re-luction of the duty designated in the cus-oms tariff now in force:

Bacon and bacon hams; bread and biscuit; butte heese: lard and its compounds; humber of pite due, in rough or prepared for buildings to be r laced to 9 shillings per 1,000 feet.

Articles to be admitted at 25 per cent re duction of the duty designated in the cus toms tariff now in force:

Beef, salted or pickled; corn and maize: corn meal: oats: petroleum and its products, crude or refined; pork, salted or pickled; wheat,

YANKEE FISHERS SLIGHT CANADA.

The Effect of Newfoundland's Friendshi

for Uncle Sam Showing Itself.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 .-- Twenty-one fewer modus vivendi licenses were taken out by

merican vessels during the present year

than in 1890. Last year the Newfoundland

Government issued no licenses to American

vessels, on the ground that the American

abused the privilege to supply bait to French

The following affect Jamaica only:

nies of Jamaica, Barbadoes, the Leeward

Difference of Theory and Practice Developing the thinking powers of pupils as the subject of a thoughtfully written ssay by Mr. Wolfsieffer, on a matter wor readbare in theory, but unfortunatel oo new in practice. Here time was calle

and Windward Islands(excepting Grennda), Trinidad and the colony of British Gulana. for luncheon. A plano recital by Mr. Constantin Sternberg, of Philadelphia, formed the opening of the afternoon's programme. Considering the weather, there was a good audience present, largely feminine, too, with at the same time a good much state of the other say The It is expected that the arrangement will go into operation as to the West Indian colonies named on February 1 next and as to British Guiana March 31 next. The official proclamation and correspondence will probably not be issued for ten days or two weeks, as it must await notice that the tarif egislation of the colonies rendered nece sary by the arrangement has been enacted. The following are the principal articles to

was a good andience present, largely feminine, too, with at the same time a good sprinkling of members of the other sex. The planist had one great advantage in appear-ing before the audience when it was thor-oughly unwearied and willing to be pleased, and he profited by it by gaining its entire attention, and proved himself worthy by holding it through his whole delightful entertainment. Mr. Sternberg is a poetical player; an ex-cellence which would cover many a fault which his playing does not display. Our own musical writer, Mr. Ad. M. Foerster, re-ceived the compliment of a capital produc-tion of a new work, opus 33, played for the first time by a strong quartette, com-posed of Messrs. John Gernest, Leo Ochmiler John Overhauser and Charles L. Cooper. That carnest young student of the violin, Mr. Gernest, was heard to exceedingly adbe admitted free of all duty and any othe mational, colonial or municipal charges. Animals alive: beef: beef and pork preserved i cans: printed matter in all languages: bottles o glass or stoneware: bran, middlings and short carts, wagons, cars and barrows, not includin vehicles of pleasure: cottouseed and its product eggs: fertilizers of all kinds, natural aud artificia vehicles of pleasure; cottonseed and its produc eggs; fertilizers of all kinds, natural and artifici-fish, fresh or on ice, and salmon and oysters cans; fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried, wh not canned. tinned or bottled; gold and sliver co-of the United States and buillon; hay and straw forage; lee; India rubber and guita percha goo-implements; ntensils and tools for agriculta line of all kinds; all materials and appliances rallways and tramsways; paper of all kinds refining and wrapping; photographic appara and chemicals; all accessories for printing; quita sliver: rosin far nited and immention. Sait: ac John Overnauser and Charles L. Cooper, That carnest young student of the violin, Mr. Gernest, was heard to exceedingly ad-vantage. The other selections, announced to be sing by Miss Ritts, next on the pro-gramme were omitted through the illness of the singer, and Mr. Maurits Leefson piano recital followed immediately. and cnemicals; all accessories for printing; q sliver; rosin, tar, pitch and tarpentine; Salt; ing machines; shipbulding materials, inch wire rope; starch of Indian corn or maize; s and power engines; steam boilers and steam p sulphur; tanbark; electrical apparatus and pliances of all kinds for communication or illum ion; trees plant nediately. Perfection of Mechanical Exceller

Mr. Leefson delighted his audience with

carers were slightly exhausted with the

good things they had been ted upon. Mr.

Mr. Sumner Salter, was present and dis

lecided by the canvassers and the Senate itself, leaving the Senate 15 Democrats, 14 Republicans and one Independent, with a vacancy that was promptly filled by the Democratic Board of Canvassers last night, thus giving Hill's party 16 votes in the Senate.

Without especial knowledge as to the facts in the cases, it is evident that a decision by the courts is the proper way to settle such contests. Under this decision the efforts of Governor Hill to prepare for defying and nullifying the judicial rulings, if they should be against him, is reduced to a gratuitous and wholly profitless display of partisan lawlessness. There was no reason why the disputes should not have been submitted to the courts with perfect agreement on both sides. But the attempts to abrogate and override the decisions against Governor Hill's side display that politician as a man to whom law and justice are unconsidered trifles light as air beside the grand purpose of keeping his party in power by fair means or foul.

The fact that the possession of the New York Legislature by the Hill party will lead to a general upsetting of the Congressional and Legislative districts of the State might give President Harrison another text for a special message on gerrymandering, but otherwise it will not cause much sorrow to people not immediately affected. The Republicans have anjoyed the benefits of a gerrymander for some years, and since on both sides party supremacy is considered of greater importance than honest representation it is little more than fair that the Democrats should have their turn.

A FUFILE INQUIRY.

One of the literary features of the last North American Review is an effort to determine by a verdict of seven selected judges what is "the best book of the year." There are several criticisms to offer on the attempt. First, a jury made up as any of the sort must be cannot come to any conclusion. That consisting of Sir Edwin Arnold, Gail Hamilton, Agness Repplier, Amelia E. Barr, Julien Gordon Dr. Briggs and William A. Hammond is not one from which impartial criticism-if there is any such thing-can be expected. It is just as good as any other jury likely to be selected, but its decisions, collectively and individually, are simply the expressions of the tastes of individuals more or less prominent, but hardly more infaliible as judges than the average reader.

Another reason inseparably related to this one is that there is not nor ever will be an absolutely "best book." The value of a book varies with the people into whose hands it falls and the success with which it affects the class it addresses. To one man, a scientific work may be the best; to another, a historical work; to a third, a work of the imagination, and so on ad infinitum. To attempt to rank the relative merits of "Robinson Crusoe," "The Essay on Man" and Humes' history is like discussing whether air or water is most necessary to life. This consideration makes it a natural result that the North American Review's inquest on the best book should result in the specification of seven "best books" with such a variety as two novels, a volume of essays, two theological works, Herbert Spencer's "Justice" and a dictionary.

A third criticism may appear cynical, as to the paucity of material for these judges to work on. If they had been though unsavory manure; but other

note contingency fine would have much effect? The law did not in the least detract from the enthucould not add much to the penalty which the nature of the case threatens, and those who take the chances of the latter will be likely to brave the former.

Finally, before the law makes it a misdemeanor to incur this danger is it not its business to provide that pedestrians shall have at least as good pathways from point to point as the railway tracks afford? Give the people something as good or better than the tracks to walk upon and they will not subject themselves to the danger of sudden death simply from love of excitement.

bers. CRANKS TO THE FRONT. WE observe that one Lawrenceville citi-

phia Record.

IT must have been a lunatic, indeed, who zen has developed the energy to taking to his small arms and opening fire when he found burglars in his house. As wanted to kill so good a man as George W. Childs.-Louisville Courier Journal. one of the robbers got away with a bullet in THERE are several madmen roaming around New York, from which it seems that his internal economy, we can take it for granted that he will give that house a wide one crazy crank makes many .- New York

berth in future. Press. IT seems to be the rule that the harmless THE important news is reported from homicidal crank has been discharged from an insane asylum "cured."-New York Com ercial Advertiser.

Washington that Secretary Blaine's large mastif got into a heated argument with an unofficial canine about a Christmas bone picked up in the street. The diplomatic dog Tur cranks seem to have taken a notion to analyze things in order to find out why the universe is not out of joint with thempromptly adopted the jingo policy and after a short period of hostilities sent the insurselves .- Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. rectionary canine howling down the street. The crop of cranks has been by no mean With the final remark that the Blaine dog exhausted. In view of the suggestive effect took possession of the bone people can apply the augury to national politics or interwhich the attack on Russell Sage has had David B. Hill's body guard does not seem so national complications as suits their taste

"WHAT is the matter with Pittsburg natural gas? It has just blown up anothe dwelling. Is it the gas, or the way the gas is used?" asks the Buffalo Express. It is in the way the gas is used, dear cotemporary. If natural gas is used to blow up buildings it

will do the work with equal thoroughness and dispatch.

IT is somewhat interesting to find the esteemed Washington Post in an article on the socialistic tendency declaring that "the inter-State commerce law is a socialistic measure, pure and simple." If so, it repre-sents socialism of long and respectable standing in this country, as the earliest railroad decisions in the thirties and forties clearly declared the right of the legislative power to regulate and control the public high ways created by the exertion of the me overeign governmental function.

A CLAIM of \$71,000 by the city of Alleghony on the street car companies is big enough; but the esteemed cotemporary which swells it up to \$226,000 evidently wishes to make the Northside citizens be lieve that they are rolling in wealth, or the companies think that they are doomed to bankruptey.

THERE is a fearful suspicion abroad that W. J. Arkell is a malcontent and is reveng-ing himself by writing letters which under the guise of describing his personal ac-quaintance with sundry statesmen really a dminister a black eye to their booms. retary Blaine, President Harrison, David Bennett Hill and Leland Stanford have already been done up by Arkell, and there is no telling whom his next discharge will wing. affairs to have been not worth more than \$7,-303,009, and all admit that Mr. Scott's wealth

THE criticism on the selection of Sir Edwin Arnold as the World's Fair poet is met by the assertion that "our stock o native poets is running low." The same idea might apply with equal force to Sir Ed-win. His stock of native poetry suitable to an occasion of that sort ran low a good while ago.

SENATOR PADDOCK wishes to make the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries an

manufacturing firm an offer to deposit with any one he may designate \$5,000 as a prize for the best peem or song to be read or sung at the opening ceremonies of the World's Fair, the context to be open to the world and the prize to be awarded to the writer by a committee to be selected by the commis-sion. The Director General will at once place the proposition before the proper committee. officer of the Agricultural Department. Fish are understood to make an excellent, al-

was always greatly overestimated

Prize Songs for the World's Fair, and

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- Director General Davis

to-day received from a prominent Eastern manufacturing firm an offer to deposit with

think you will find that sentiment is growing very rapidly among agricultural people. Let townships have authority to borrow money for such purposes if they want, and the result will be that the townships that siasm manifested by the villagers. A num ber of congratulatory messages were sent to Mr. Gladstone at Biarritz. A number of his personal friends and political followers in London also took advantage of the day to have no ambition to better things need not bother to borrow money. But the town-London also took advantage of the day to forward telegraphic messages. A dispatch from Binrritz says: The muni-cipal authorities of this place waited upon Mr. Gladstone to-day and congratulated him upon the occasion of the anniversary of his birthday. Fifteen members of the British Club. to membership in which Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Morley were unanimously elected a few days ago, also called upon him, present-ing him with a floral crown. In the evening Mr. Gladstone paid a visit to the clubhouse, where he was heartily congratulated by the members. ships which do, would gradually improve their roads to such an extent that adjacent districts would see the economic value of good highways, and thus be gradually educated up to the same view of the question." Another farmer who was told what plan Mr. Edmundson proposed for the State Leg-islature remarked: "What a grand policy that would have been for the last Legisla-ture to have adopted in dealing with this ture to have adopted in dealing with this problem, instead of attempting the very radical step they did. This would have stimulated the demand for good roads, ex-tended the agitation of the subject by compelling one community of farmers to see what another community to the east or west of them was doing in the way of permanent repairs, and, eventually, it would have

aved the way for something more genera and systematio next winter at Harrisburg.

The Farmers Should Wake Up.

-PHILANTHROPY in the country road dilemma, as suggested by the offer of Cap-tain J. B. Ford, is nothing new. Yet it, like the main question, is yet to be developed into anything like a satisfactory condition. Captain Henry R. Rouse, who was burned to death at one of his celebrated oil wells near Rouseville, Pa., bequeathed his fortune of \$80,000 to Warren county, Pa., several years ago. He directed that one-half the sum be invested in a way that would furnish a permanent fund to keep up the The cranks are still coming to the from public roads of that county, and that the with disquieting frequency-uot that they are more numerous at this than at other times, but that by some strange law or in-stinct they are induced to manifest themother half should go into the maintenance of the poor. Since that time the interest ac-cruing from the \$40,600 has been divided among 18 townships annually, in proportion to the amount of taxes raised in each townselves in a simultaneous manner.-Philadel ship. It practically amounts to very little for a township, and, a year or two ago, when The crank epidemic is becoming alarm-ing. It is bad enough to demand a man's money on peualty of being blown to pieces, THE DISPATCH Country Road Explo Party passed through Warren county, it was but when the enterprising anarchist de-mands Vanderbilt's brains the intellect of ound that the fund thus distributed worked rather to the disadvantage of the roads than the opposite. It had a tendency to make the country has cause for alarm. Next the dyspeptics will be calling for the stomachs tarmers indifferent: they know they were sure of so much from the Rouse fund, and of healthy citizens .- Indianopolis Sentinel. they proceeded to pare down their own SCOTT'S WILL A DISAPPOINTMENT. tribute proportionately. At any rate, the examples of both Captain Rouse and Captain Ford should satisfy farmers that capitalists Nothing Left to Public Institutions-Everyand thinking men stand ready to aid in this great internal improvement if they them ERE, Dec. 29.-[Special.]-The last will and estament of the late Hon. William L. Scott elves make the break by letting los se the thunderbolts of public opinion-and see that they are properly landed at Harrisburg. was admitted to probate to-day. The public

Pennsylvania Relief for Russia.

this document, believing that it contained some generous public and charitable be-HUNTINGDON, Dec. 29.-[Special.]-B. F. Isen berg, Superintendent of the Honey Milling quests, and either the endowment of an in-stitution of learning or the establishment of a city library and building. It contained berg, Superintendent of the Honey Milling Company of this city, proposes to grind free of charge all the grain brought to his mills, and in addition, for every ten bushels riven by others, he will give one bushel to the starving Russians. The Pennsylvania Rail-rond will take all the flour to the seacoast free of charge, where it will be immediately loaded on to the Russian relief vessels. Every man is urged to give at least one bushel, and the answers are expected to enable the first car to start East in a few days. a city library and building. It contained none of these. Mrs. Masthilda Scott, the widow, and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Scott Townsend, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Anna Wainwright Strong, a son-in-law, Charles H. Strong, and his trusted business partner, Matthew H. Taylor, are the administrators. The only be-quest smacking of charity was the use of 615,000 to Miss Mary Haverstick, the family honsekeeper, for a number of years. The property is devised to the mombers of the family generally, but no reference is made to the valuable live stock on the Scott farm, or the pleasure yacht Mystic, or any other personal property. The estate is estimated by those who were familiar with Mr. Scott's affairs to have been not worth more than M.

The Sick in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29 .- Senator Pro

tor's slight attack of grip still confines him to his residence. Congressman Wright is better to-day. Speaker Crisp is stronger, and is able to sit up. Assistant Scoretary Nettleton is confined to his residence with

Perhaps the Wrinkles Will Be Gone. ashington Post. 1 Perhaps when Congress meets next week it will be found that Sants Claus has

ed out some of the wrinkles. A Hard Problem to Solve

Chicago Times.) In a few days people will be trying to solve the problem which is harder to keep, a good resolution or a diary?

THE TUSCArora Indians in this State are down with the "grip." If the "grip" is strong enough they will be kept on the reservation .- New York Advertiser.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Mrs. Aurelia Mills Wyncoop. Mrs. Aurelia Mills Wynkoop died in

Washington, Saturday, at the residence of her son, the Rev. Theodore S. Wynkoop. Mrs. Wynkoop was the daughter of the late Isaac Mills, of New Haven, and the widow of the Rev. R. S. Wyn op, who was for many years a Presbyterian mis-mary to India. Mrs. Wynkoop accompanied her isband to India, and took an active part in his husband to India, and took an active part in his work. After her husband's death she accompanied her son to the same country, where he contined the work begun by his father. Mrs. Wynkoop was of a great age, but to the last was a charming and vivacious woman, a brilliant musician, composer, and conversationalist, with a singularly retentive memory. She made several voyages around the giobe after reaching what, is usually denominated old age. She has resided in Washington for nearly is years, with her son, and has always been active with him in the work of the church of which he is pastor-the Western Presbyterian.

Mrs. Anna Thurlow. A cablegram received Monday in this city nnounced the death of Mrs. Anna Thurlow in ondon, England. Mrs. Thurlow was the mother f Harry Thurlow, well known by his police serof Harry Thurlow, well known by his police ser-vice, and now employed by the Allegheny Light Company in this city. Mrs. Thurlow visited her son five years ago and staved three years in Pitts-burg, and during that time made many friends here, especially in the congregation of Rev. E. R. Donehoo, of the Eighth Fresbyterian Charch, of which she was a member. She was the widow of Ephraim Thurlow, and her only surviving son is Harry Thurlow.

Alfred Cellier, Composer.

Alfred Cellier, the composer, is dead in London. He had been suffering from the grip for about two weeks, and on that account was unable to finish the orchestration of "The Mountebank," the comic opera which is the joint work of hin and W. S. Gilbert, in time for production at date first set.

Obituary Notes.

JANES KELLEY, of Harrisville, W. Va., a not young lawyer and orator, has died of the grip. ALBERT GALLATIN LEONARD, at one time a Collector of Internal Revenue, and Joseph J. Weth-erill, both prominent men of Parkersburg, have died of the grip.

died of the grip. MALCOLM CARUTHERS, a prominent member of the Chicago bar and a son of Judge J. Caruthers, died very suddenly of heart distase Monday morn-ing, aged 48 years. STABE MORRISSEY, one of the best known of the

Stand mountainstr, one of the best known of the rounger theatrical business managers of New York died at St. Vincent's Hospital Monday mora-ug after a two-months' sickness. JORN V. FARRAR, manager of Good's (Opera House, South Bend, Ind., is dead, aged 43. He was a native of Maine, and for many years had been in the theatrical business as a isance aged or man-

REV. WILLIAM POTTER is dead at Hampde Genuga county, O., at the age of 83. "Pather" Potter, as he was familiarly known, had for three years been the oldest Congregational minister in the world. REV. WILLIAM ADDY. a well-known Presbyte

HEV. WILLIAM ADD'A went-hown Press/te-fian clergyman, died recently at his home at Ma-rietta, O. He was 67 years old. Mr. Addy was a hative of Highgate. Vi., and was grauuated from Middlebury College. BENJAMIN RUTHERFORD FITZ, an artist of ex-

cellent reputation and much promise, died on San-day at his home at Peconic, L. I., of a compilea-tion of asthma and heart ironble. His best known work was in portrait and landscape painting. JACOB D. CONNER, Clerk of the Missouri Sa

BUSHEOD NORTHROP, who moved to Washington, Pa., from Bollvar, N. Y., last June, died Monday of apopiezy, aged 71 years. He was sitting in his parlor playing with his grandchild when he was stricken. He was the father of B. D. Northrop, the well-known machinist. DAVID HUMPHREY GILBERT, of Plymouth.

within the confines of the county, died there yes-terday in the residence he has occupied for over half a contury. His remarkable age, of nearly 16 years, made him an interesting figure, and yet he has an older brother now living and in active health.

society women unearthed the fact that th custom is frowned upon here, thoug whether because it is an American fashion that never received approval abroad, or be cause of the punch howl, is not so assured However, it must be said that there is a dea of more substantial worth here than almos anywhere else, and everything is not judged from the mere point of view of a la mode. A little New Year's calling will doubtiess be observed, but it will be largely among fami-lies possessing a large circle of connections.

As this is the time when sweet things ar As this is the time when sweet things are particularly in season, excepting sweet girls, who are always in season, a word of counsel may be in season also. If you eat candy in the evening, make a visit to your toothbrush, or else you will make one in a short time to your dentist. Don't eat candy before dinner; better fast until dinner; and don't eat it the first thing in the morning as breakfugt then is much the morning, as breakfast then is much be better selection.

Don't eat poor candy; prefer seldom and less to often and much, and nourishing a body to building a corpse. Pay for your candy as you go, or let him do it, if he wishes.

Social Chatter.

At the second of the Monday evening dance series the patronesses present were Mrs. A. E. W. Painter, Mrs. B. F. Jones, Mrs. Henry W. Oliver, Mrs. William H. Singer Mrs. Park Painter, Mrs. George F. Rob Mrs. Park Painter, Mrs. George F. Robinson, Mrs. Alex Laughlin. Jr., Mrs. Wynn R. Sew-ell, Mrs. Joseph R. Dilworth. Mrs. Henry B. Rea, Mrs. George Edward Painter, Mrs. Albert H. Childs, Mrs. William H. Forsyth, Mrs. Walter L. McClintock, Mrs. John H. Ricketson, Mrs. James B. Oliver, Mrs. Will-tam Ross Proctor, Mrs. William Walter Willock, Mrs. Frank P. Sproul, Mrs. Mark W. Watson, Mrs. John S. Hays, Mrs. George W. Jones, Mrs. George W. Dilworth, Mrs. John S. Dickson, Mrs. Joseph O. Horne, Mrs. Charles Albert Painter and Mrs. James Wood.

In further protest against the propounde an encampment in Eric, and now Evander Youngs, the Deputy of Eric county, has caused the arrest of C. J. Blushing, the of the query "For what purpose, anyway, is the Women's Committee of the World's Fair in existence?" a long circular has aprair in existence: a long circular has appeared, purporting to throw a light on this dark subject. From the way in which the ladies and gentlemen connected with the Columbian Exhibition are complimenting each other, one would suppose that the world of gentle folk certainly was not represented in either committee. third oncer in the Erie encampment, on the charge of larceny of a ritual. The animus of this proceeding is that Binshing is organizing a rival branch of the Malta under the direction of Chanter General Staltz, of Philadelphia. Each branch charges the other with being spurious and clandestine. third officer in the Erie encampment, on the

THE Orinda Club gave the third of its dance series last night at the Linden Club New York Press,]

New York Recorder.]

Ex-President Cleveland declines to talk on the tariif or on silver. What could he or ture Master at the Western University, was any one else say new on these subject?

Sr. BRIDGER'S CHURCH, of Wylie avenue, will give a tea-party to-night in the new schoolhouse, specially arranged for a festive put pose, and which will continue on the follow

ing evening. The tea-party will be in the lower hall, and upstairs there will be a dance at a later hour. The pleasing per-sonality of the recently appointed rector is having its reward in the ever increasing growth of his congregation.

that the navy be prepared for action should occasion require.-Cleveland Plain Dealer. A veny English fashion some years ago was to make use of old Christmas cards, always THERE was Chile sauce on many a Christtaking care, sometimes with unfortunate taking care, sometimes with unfortunate re-sults, that they were not returned to their givers of a year before. The eco-nomical practice, therefore, has been spolled by a fashion set this year, which rendered imperative the use of the name and address on every Christmas greeting of this nature. Mr. AND Mgs. TRUMP, of Edgewoodville, will assume in the set of the set of the balance of the set does not follow that this Yankee nation Press. BREE MONTE. of Chile, will please take notice that Uncle Sam's new smokeless powders beat the compounds offered by John Bull and his European rivals "all hollow."will entertain with cards to-night in honor of a Filiadelphia friend who is their guest at present. For the nonce the Pennsylvania locat system will prove a formidable rival of the electric road, as Mr. Trump has ar-ranged for a special train to carry home his guests at loclock in the morning. Reston Globe. THE day Chile "burns the American legation," as threatened, she can date as the start on her down track to ruin. Uncle Sam

is a little slow to get mad, but when he does "the nitrate beds" will be open to new occu-WHEN the princely house on Ridge avenue, which Mr. Henry Oliver is enlarging and pauts.-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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creatures than any other people on the society women unearthed the fact that the coasts of Newfoundland. This year they globe, civilized or savage. Among them as gave the New Englanders free licenses and refused to allow Canadian fishermen to

mythical animals without any remarkable peculiarities of conformation, but gifted with supernatural attributes; such as a tiger which is said to live to be 1,000 years old, and to turn as white as a polar bear. refused to allow Canadian fishermen to purchase bait at all. Under these circumstances the number of Canadian licenses taken out by the Americans shows that the privilege is ap-preointed. In 1889 Canada and Newfound-land issued licenses which were honored in the ports of either country. -Abduction became so common in England in the reigns of Tudor princes that a statute was passed on the subject, and this was followed by an act of Elizabeth, which took away the benefit of clergy from the offender, and it was not till so inte as the reign of George IV, that the crime ceased to be a capital offense and punishable with death

Pittsburgers in New York.

New York, Dec. 29.-[Special.]-The follow-ing Pittsburgers registered at New York hotels to-day: J. A. Allcock, Gedney; J. Arbuckle, Morton Honse: Miss Barr, Hoff-man Honse: P. T. and W. Bauman, St. James; S. Bissel, St. Denis Hotel: Miss Crawford Holland; H. I. Gourley, St. Denis Hotel; V. Preston, Hoffman House; Mrs. Reinhart, St. Preston, Hollman House; Mrs. Reinhart, St. Denis Hotel: J. H. Thomas, St. Denis; W. H. Appleby, Continental; J. K. Ellewood, St. Denis; J. Hochberg, St. Denis; J. H. Laf-lerty, St. Denis; J. S. Mahon, Westminster; C. M. Pettit, St. Stephens' Hotel; R. Shiel, St. Sconbewei Hotel; R. Shiel, St. Stephens' Hotel.

the ground is parched with drouth, some girls strip themselves naked, and, led by an Asked for a Day Off and Got a Reduction older woman, who is also naked, they steal CANTON, Dec. 29 .- [Special.]-Thirty-three a harrow and carry it across the field to a brook, where they set it afoat. Next they sit on the barrow and keep a tiny flame moulders employed by the Malleable Iron Works and Elbel & Co. are out on a strike. The trouble originated in a dispute about working a day after Christmas burning on each corner of it for an hour. Then they leave the harrow in the water and men wanting their pay Christmas eve instead of on Saturday. The company then and go home confident that rain will fo low. discharged all and took them back as indi-viduals under a 10 per cent reduction of wares. This roduction has been contem-plated some time, and leaves wares the same as they were four years ago when the ad-vance was made. -The total of the sun's heat is equal to

Rival Encampments of Knights.

The Accounts Are Balanced.

What Could They Say on the Tariff.

GRAINS OF CHILE PEPPER.

WELL, Chile's investigation of the Balti-

apolis Tribune.

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that which would be required to keep up 476,000 millions of millions of millions of horse-power, or about 78,000 horse-power, for every square yard, and yet the modern dynamical theory of heat shows that the per annum to keep up that tremendous energy. At this rate of contraction the solar radius will be one-hundredth per cent less in 2009 years from now than it is to-day. ERIE, Dec. 20.-[Special.]-Some time ago the Knights of St. John and Malta organized

RHYNKLES AND RHYMELETS.

"This mince pie is delicious." said Cadey to Mrs. Noorich. Have you the receipt for

"Sir?" said the lady, indignantly. "Receipt? No, sir, I have not, because I have not yet recei the bill, "--Harper's Bustir,

While Past or Future Christmas make A most important ghost. All know the Christmas present is What some folks prize the most. — Withiagton Star.

Broker Field refuses to eat. Some of his former customers are without anything to eat. Thus there is balancing of accounts.

Boarding House Keeper-That Rathbone

Boarding to the father and mother. Friend-How so? Boarding House Keeper-One cuts a long time and the other a good dcal, -Pack. "Johnny, Johnny," said the minister, as

he met an urchin one Sunday afternoon, carrying a string of ish. "Do these belong to you?" "Yees, sir; rop see that's what they got for chasing worms on Sunday."-Spare Moments.

Carps is evidently coming to her senses Oh, never, converse with a dynamite fiend, A handy club is a great peacemaker,-Minne The' harmless to you he may seem, For he with his creed is so well magazined. So brimmed to the lip with his scheme. WITH Chile it happily looks now as if

champagne was the only thing we are going to spill.-New Fork Recorder. So utterly crammed with the same thro' and thro'

So ulterly crammer you'd embark, That if on the theme you'd embark, A deadly explosion would likely ensue If he'd happen to drop a remark. -Boston Courier.

more episode is completed. What does Uncle Sam propose to do about it?-Chicago Mail. Chappie-Aw, I'd like to dwop myself ALTHOUGH the troubles with Chile are into your aw-beg parden, stocking, on Cwisma Eve, doncherknow, as a Cwismas present. likely to be amicably adjusted, it is well Miss Five-Thanks, but I'd prefer to have son thing different from w year.-Brooklyn Eagle. at from what's in it every day in the

Bunker-What's your hurry, old man? ans dinner table in the United States, but it Hill (a suburban resident)-Not a moment to pare. If I should miss this train, I wouldn't get ome in time enough to take the train coming back, will take much sauce from Chile .- New York -Puck.

Of all things on each To drive a man to drink. The worst is a rickety sleeping ear. Where you lie awake and think. -Seto Fort Horatel. Of all things on earth there are

"Now look at the situation in Europe-" "I don't want to know anything about the sit-nation in Europe." "All right. If you don't want to know anything

about the situation in Europe read the patches about it. "- New York Press.

dance series last night at the Lluden Club-house, under the patronage of Mrs. Frank Lindsey, Mrs. W. F. Aull, Mrs. Edw. Norme-cutt, Mrs. Charles Curry. About 70 young people were present, and took part in the enjoyable dance, afterward discussing one of Kuhn's best suppers. The Committee on Invitations is composed of Mr. Emory Dravo, Mi. J. A. Aull, Mr. E. Kehew, Mr. W. Heppenstall and Mr. George S. Proctor. A. C. SCRIBNER, Greek and English Liter

ture Master at the Western University, was married on Monday evening to Miss Mary Lee Myers at the residence of the bride's father in Plainfield, N. J. The guests in-cluded the families of both and their most intimate friends, among whom were some of Mr. Seribner's acquaintances in town. Mr. Seribner is a favorite in educational and so-cial circles, and naturally a cordial welcome will be given to his young wife.

preme Court, died at Jefferson City Monday morn-ing from the effects of paralysis, with which he was stricken ten days ago. Captain Conner was 55 years of age and a native of Maryland.

Mass., an inventor of some note, died Sunday. While working as expenter for Isaac Crehor, the playing-card manufacturer of Boston, he saw the disadvantages of hand isbor in making cardboard, and invented the pasting machine.

DR. BASS RAWSON, the oldest pioneer of Han-cock county, O., having settled in Findlay in 1829 at a time when there were but 12 white families