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#### TWELVE PAGES

#### A TIMELY SIESSAGE.

Mayor Gourley's message deals almost exclusively with the subject of city taxation and finance. It makes suggestions which commend themselves with peculiar force to the popular judgment, and which Councils should take into careful consideration. If the conservative policy which the Mayor outlines is adopted for the coming year the causes of complaint which have been recently foreshadowed in pessimistic views of the city future will be well-nigh removed.

Briefly summarized, the Mayor's argument starts out with the fact that during the past five years the city expenditures have increased 75 per cent. The most sanguine view of the increase in population cannot suppose it to be over half that ratio, so that expenditures have gone ahead of the gain in population by an increased ratio of two for one. The increase the Mayor points out, is not in payments of city debt and interest which are slightly decreased: it is not in the Department of Charities which, notwithstanding the gain in population, keeps its expenditures within a fixed limit; and in educational purposes the increase has been about commensurate with the growth of school population. Of the \$1,800,000 increase over the expenditures of 1886, not less than \$1,500,000 is in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Public Works, and makes an amount almost equal to the entire appropriations of six years ago for all the expenses of mu-

With these facts in mind the Mayor points out that under the increase of assessments a thirteen-mill tax will probably produce about as much revenue as the fifteen-mill tax of last year, while the income from licenses will make an increased revenue of \$200,000. Reviewing the estimates of the different departments, that of the Department of Charities for the with approval. The estimate of the Deessary for adequate fire and police pro- General Miller, issued last year, has been

cording to the views of the Mayor.

nicipal government.

With the Mayor's remarks on the neces- | tion the Whisky Trust. sity of cutting down this estimate, THE he does not go far enough. Most citizens that department during the past few has come when it is not only necessary to work contemplated by the estimates for of that class. The Mayor recommends reductions aggregating nearly half a million dollars in the items of parks, water supply made a material addition by proposing a radical reduction in the estimate for repaying.

No one can doubt the propriety of repaving when the city is in financial cir- record of any United States District Atcumstances to do it. But in view of possible complications in the city's finances means assured. It still remains to be on the one hand and on the other the fact | demonstrated whether the laws of the that most of the streets proposed to be re- United States can bring the hitherto unpaved are already in possession of pavements antiquated in character, but solid enough to perform their function of keeping vehicles out of the mud, it is plain that this expenditure can be largely cut down without serious injury. Wherever there is a pavement so worn out that it does not perform its work, it should be replaced: but the necessity of replacing cobble stones with Ligonier blocks is not so generally urgent as to forbid its postponement till the city's finances are in a more assured condition.

If the estimates are properly cut down, a thirteen-mill tax will meet the city expenditures and the deficiency from last year; while the fifteen-mill rate, if main- this. Senator Chandler is convinced that tained, will yield a surplus to be laid aside his enemies in the Boston and Maine to meet the still indefinite contingencies of the muddle about the street acts.

MINING SLAUGHTERS. Two coal mine disasters during last week-one in the West, the most wholesale in its loss of life for many years, and the other at Shamokin, this State, very serious but not so commanding in its appalling features-give new force to the principle so often urged in these columns that no constancy of vigitance or thoroughness of precaution can be too great to give to the work of preventing loss of life in

this industry. These fatalities have evoked from a cotemporary an intimation that all the safeguards that can be devised seem to be useless. Doubtless none can secure perfect safety, and were all of the known precautions actively maintained fatal accidents would still occur in that dangerous calling. Nevertheless, it is a fact that ninety per cent of the lives lost in coal mines during the past twenty years have been sacrificed by the neglect of wellknown and self-evident precautions. There is no reason to regard the calamities of last week as exceptions to the general rule. The slanchter at the mines in the

Indian Territory was plainly due to the grossest carelessness; and it is safe to venture a prediction that the case at Shamokin will, when investigated, show a similar neglect of some obvious and well-

established precaution. It thus appears that the greatest difficulty to be overcome is not the dangers of mining, but the carelessness and indifference of those engaged in it. Stephenson and Dayy invented the safety lamp sixty years ago, and yet to-day men are imperiling their lives by mining with naked lamps, and to that recklessness some of the notable slaughters of the past few years have been clearly due. It is plain that if any power exists to make miners and operators alike careful to use every known precaution, the total of this loss of life would be greatly diminished. But when ne ther humanity, legislation, profit, nor the love of life can prevent the carelessness which produces these disasters, it is a puzzling question what motive is left to which an appeal can be addressed.

M'KINLEY'S IDEAS.

The inaugural of Governor McKinley, who was installed at Columbus yesterday, deals largely with State affairs; but in many respects his recommendations touch upon questions of national interest. It is especially interesting as showing the views made by his leadership on a single topic, when he gives his attention to subjects outside of his specialty.

The support of both a State and national appropriation for the World's Fair is the first example of this sort, and it is followed by recommendations for the improvement of country roads and for the protection of railway employes-both live topics all over the country. A further recommendation as to ballot reform is made, and the new Governor lays down an unexceptionable principle on the subject of Congressional apportionment, namely: "The districts should be made so as to give the party majority in the State a majority of representatives and so arranged that if the party majority shall change the representative majority shall also change." Let us hope that the Ohio Legislature will observe the last named principle in correcting the Democratic gerrymander; but it requires

considerable faith to do so. Governor McKinley also takes up a national question in the discussion of the canal policy of the State. In Ohio the process of killing off the canals by transferring them to private control has for some unexplained reason not reached the complete success attained in Pennsylvania almost a generation ago. Perhaps it is because it has gone far enough to render the canals nearly useless and the railroads have not until recently wanted any more. But with regard to recent propositions to absorb the remaining canal property, the Governor points out the importance of waterways for inland transportation, and declares that "it is time to call a halt to the policy of disposing of the people's

property without adequate compensation." This looks like a rather weak conclusion, as the logical deduction from the premises would be that it is time to revive and improve the canals. But as it represents a marked improvement on the prevailing policy with reference to canals, it merits enthusiastic approval for going as far as it

LOOKS LIKE ENFORCEMENT. It is exceedingly gratitying to learn that one representative of the Department of Justice has found a prominent trust, of same amount as several years past is noted | large capital and national scope, which he hopes to prove guilty of a violation of the partment of Public Safety, asking an in- anti-trust act of Congress. The disposicrease of about \$90,000, is discussed with | tion of United States District Attorneys the conclusion that as the increase is nec- | with regard to the circular of Attorney tection, the city can well afford the ex-1 either to ignore it entirely, as was done in penditure. It is in the estimate of the this district, or to carefully pick out some Department of Public Works that the combination of petty character and local Mayor criticises the proposed enlargement | scope. But the United States District Atof expenditures by the sum \$504,721, on | torney at Chicago is going to prove himthe face of the figures, and of \$655,085 ac- | self a man of entirely other metal by selecting as the object of his legal atten-

The Whisky Trust, or, as it is more for-DISPATCH is in full agreement except that | mally named in its last articles of association, the Western Distilling and Cattle will agree that the large expenditures in | Feeding Company, is a combination of as wide national reputation and of as radical years have been of great value and were a character in illustrating the monopolistic such as the city could well afford to make | methods as the Standard Oil Company or during a prosperous era. But the time the Sugar Trust. It has a more complete monopoly than either, the last independhait the increase in city expenditures, but | ent distillery in the production of comto lay aside a portion of the revenue to mercial high wines having been brought meet impending contingencies. To do that | into the combination after some prelimirequires retrenchment in items of expendinary tuition in the line of attempts to blow ture which can be postponed without it up. Its capital-even without the water. detriment to the public welfare. The which is more plentiful there than in its product-is counted by tens of millions. public works, contains numerous instances | Thus we see that United States Attorney Milchrist, of Chicago, has selected an object worthy of his legal steel, and the gratifying fact is demonstrated that one and highway bureau, and he might have appointee of the Department of Justice believes in carrying out his instructions and the laws of the United States.

But while the crushing of the Whisky Trust will be an achievement to make the torney, that outcome is not yet by any conquered power of concentrated capital into subjection.

## CHANDLER'S REFORM.

Senator Chandler has pushed his politi cal quarrel with the Boston and Maine Railroad to the degree of introducing a bill in the Senate for the purpose of breaking up the entire system of railway free passes. His bill is the most stringent ever proposed on the subject, making all free transportation unjust discrimination within the meaning of the inter-State commerce

It is rare that partisan fights produce so unobjectionable measures of revenge as management are using free passes over that road to his political disadvantage, and proposes to adopt this means of punishing them. Yet the measure of revenge gives no ground for criticism except that it attacks a really minor corporate abuse. If Senator Chandler's anti-corporation zeal could be worked up to attack the great corporate evil of nullifying any legislation that does not suit the corporate interests there is reason to hope that he might make things very lively for the corporations before he was done with

But Senator Chandler's reading of the character of legislators is radically different from ours if he has any idea that there is the slightest chance of getting his bill passed by a Congress the members of which would thereby cut off their own privileges of free transportation. The Senator's knowledge of such things is greater than ours; but nevertheless we will venture a prophecy that it will be effectively shelved. The only chance of its passage is in its being taken as a bluff between the two branches.

Senator Chandler, however, is to b welcomed in the character of an anticorporation refermer. It is to be honed that like most new converts, he will show the sincerity of his conversion by his zeal.

JERRY SIMPSON'S accusation that the erop returns of the Board of Agriculture are used for the purposes of speculators, before coming into the hands of the tillers, is a serious one. And it behooves Uncle Jerry Rusk to bestir himself to the best of his ability for the refutation of the charge. The prostitution of public departments for the furtherance of private schemes is a crime which cannot be dealt with too severely The seed bureau heretofore has been the butt of political humorists; but the assault of the Alliance statesman is not a joking matter by any means.

IT is a relief to hear that the troubles in Southwestern Kansas are nearing un end. That an attempt should be made to prove the insanity of Judge Botkin is a great sur prise. Reports indicate that the madness is all on the other side.

GAS men are complaining in a circular that they are not to be allowed sufficien facilities for a display at the World's Fair. The Fair officials reply that gas has gone, or is rapidly going out, except as a fuel.

BOURKE COCHRANE as Senator from New York would be an ideal "me too" attach-ment for David Bennett Hill.

A NEW YORK justice is reported to have actually brought a blush to a policeman's of a statesman whose reputation has been | cheek. The officer had brought in an old man on the charge of selling a candle during the prohibited hours of Sunday. Justice Tilbreth complimented the man of law on the efficiency he must have shown in his precinct if he had come down to such small

> Applies and arsenie are better spelled with an a, and that is all there is in the scare which is trying to make out that apples are poisonous because the trees have been washed with solutions of arsenic to keep down the grubs. .

REPUBLICAN leaders and organs are

inbilating over the failure and lack of

in the Democratic House. They remember that they ran the House once; and misery loves company. REPORTS from St. Paul point to a serious

division in the forces of the Minnesota

Farmers' Alliance.

THE four classes of matter as distinguished by the postal authorities render this country's postal rates more complicated than those of any other, and Senator Crosby's proposal to lower the rates on third-class matter to the 1/2-cent-an-ounce standard of

if only on the score of simplicity. THE backbone of the late cold wave seems to have been broken, but a new on s announced to be forming in the Northwest, which may or may not add its share to the much predicted and still unrealized hard winter.

the existing fourth class is to be commended

SOFT air, slimy sidewalks, and soft place to fall on are the things of the present. But the fashions of the weather are the most changeable of all modes and we shall see what we shall see.

LONDON is laughed at for its crossing weepers, but Pittsburg crossings are no laughing matter.

THE announcement at the close of a dinner party that "A collection will now be astonish most of the participants. The sug gestion was made by Alexander Dumas, and has already been acted upon in the case of a

THE decision of the United States Court at Boston with regard to duties on goat hair points very clearly to the necessity that the intentions of Congress should be expressed by the literal meaning of the words used.

THE report that Joseph B. Fornker has substituted a large-sized Presidental bee in his bonnet for the late Senatorial one is probably a gross misrepresentation as to the size of the bee.

TEXAS is promised a lively time if the railroad strikers and their supporters hold

THE Chileans have got to the additional step of indicting some of the persons who engaged in that Valparaiso riot, which, it may be remarked, is several steps further than the United States has been able to proceed, with regard to the New Orleans

"UNEASY lies the head that wears the crown," and Frank Brown, Governor-elect of Maryland, has proved the truth of the adage since his wife's jeweler persuaded her to have her diamonds set as a tiara.

THE discovery of the source of the Nile has hitnerto been the source of many mistaken claims, but it really seems that Emin Pasha has gotten to the root of the matter at

ST PATT, is not the only city that wants weather maker.

## PERTINENT AND PERSONAL

THE Empress of Austria and the widow and daughter of the Khedive of Egypt are ill with the grip. EX-CONGRESSMAN MARCY, of New

Hampshire, is slowly recovering from a long MRS. JOHN SHERMAN has never had a

photograph or other picture taken since her husband first entered Congress. BLAZE DE BURY is the "lioness" of Paris his winter. The blazer was named for her

some years ago, her admirers think. Among the guests at the party at Sand ringham, on Saturday, were the Duke and

chess of Fife and the Duke and Duchess of Teck. JAMES GORDON BENNETT, who has had a slight attack of influenza, is about to start for Cairo from Paris, when he will go to Abvasinia.

MRS. MARIA STRELE, a daughter of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star-Spangled Banner," is critically ill at her home in Annapolis, Md.

MRS. JOSEPHINE MOODY LUTHE, who was recently admitted to the Colorado bar, is the wife of Judge Herman E. Luthe, of Denver. She is an artist also.

IBSEN is lionized in Christiana, but they won't permit his plays on the boards up there. The "pillars of society" must be reasonably firm in Scandinavia.

MISS MARY E. WILKINS, the New Engand writer, is a native of Brattleboro. Vt. and is described as a "pretty, Blonde, blueeved girl of refined and gentle manner.' GEORGE KENNAN, Siberian traveler and

expert in Nihilism, is one of the best telegraph operators in the country, and pounds the keys right and left with ambidexterity. MRS. AUGUSTA EVANS WILSON is living quietly at Spring Hill, a suburb of Mobile. The author of "Beulah" is said to be leath to welcome Amelie Rivesas a rival in Southern

## A MIGHTY VOICE OF THUNDER

sets the Indians in the Territory to Dan ing Ever Since New Year's. GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. II.-Four ghost dances nre now in progress among the Indians of this Territory. None of the dancers express any hostility toward the whites. In the

any hoseline toward the whites. In the Wichita reservation several hundred are dancing day and night. In the Cherokee strip the Otoes say that on New Year's Eve, while they were holding their annual festivities, a mighty voice of thunder to prepare for the coming of the Messiah was heard, and they have been dancing ever since. Many have died from exposure to the severe weather. weather.

There will not be any serious trouble with the Indians unless the Government attempts to stop them. They are determined to keep up the dance, and there would surely be bloodshed should any attempt be made

Rules believe he will be able to meet with

them this week for the preparation of a code

of rules. Messrs. Catchings and McMillin have been, individually, studying the situa-

tion, and it may be said that the rules of the

Fiftieth Congress will form the basis of the

new rules. These do not differ materially from those of the rifty-first Congress, except in the matter of authorizing the Speaker to

count a quorum and to determine whether a motion is dilatory. These features will probably be eliminated, but some restriction

will be applied to the introduction of purely

filibustering tactics to the detriment of

FUNERAL services over the remains of

Admiral C. R. P. Rodgers were held this

morning at St. John's Episcopal Church,

They were conducted by the rector, Dr.

Douglass. There was a very large attend

ance, including the Vice President, Secre-

tary Blaine, Secretary Tracy, Justice Gray, a number of Senators, Sir Julian Pa uncefote,

and nearly all the other foreign Ministers

besides a great number of other friends of

lesser prominence. General Schofield, Adm'rals Worden, Franklin and Howell, General Park, Judge Hagner, Paymaster General
Walmough and Bancroft Davis were the
pallbearers. Judge John Davis, Sevellon
Brown, A. C. Tyler and Lieutenants Cowies,
Mason and Buckingham were the ushers,
and six sailors from the navy yard acted as
body-bearers. At the conclusion of the impressive services the remains were taken to

pressive services the remains were taken to the Pennsylvania Railroad station and con-veyed in a special car, accompanied by the family, to the family burial ground.

"REQUIESCAT IN PACE" was the part-

ing remark of Justice Brewer to-day when he dismissed from further attention of the

court the case of the United States versus

the Des Moines River Navigation and Rail-

way Company. The court for the eighth or

way company. The control the eighth of ninth time rendered a decision holding good the title of the navigation company to the lands. A ripple of subdued laughter based along the bench at the remark of the Justice, which doubtless reflected the wish of the whole court that it has passed on the case for the last time.

"STEVE" ELKINS is a much-talked about

man since he went into the war office. Here's

a bit of gossin about his West Virginia

palace. The Elkins mansion, in the beauti-

ful little town of E'kins, is a magnificent structure. When the new Secretary of War

goes home with a friend, or a number of

friends, or they drop in upon him unan-

nounced, it causes no inconvenience. The great mansion simply becomes a hotel. The

guests are assigned to their rooms and to each is assigned a servant. The hours for

meals are announced, and each guest is told

meals are announced, and each guest is told that if he or she is not on hand at the proper meal hour they must eat alone; but it is only necessary to press an electric button and call a waiter, to get anything the market affords. The guests are told that they are at liberty to do as they please—to take any kind of horse and vehicle there is in the stable, and go riding or driving; that guns and dogs may be taken into the enormous forests, and there can be hunting and fishing galore. It would be no trouble to

fishing galore. It would be no trouble to Mr. Etkins to take half of Congress and the President's Cabinet up into his beautiful home and entertain them royally upon the

THE hearing of the Chicago Anarchist

cases of Fielden and Schwab was postponed to-day on motion of the Attorney General

of Hilnois and with the consent of General Benjamin F. Butler, who was in court, until next Monday.

THE House Committee on Appropria-

tions to-day referred to the sub-Committee

on Deficiencies, when appointed, the resolu-tion introduced by Mr. Henderson, of Iowa

position. The sub-committee has the priv

congress here. The programme

ing of February 22 the credentials of mem-

of officers for the national organization.

THE Senate has ratified the commercial

RACULLUS OF THE GRIP.

Ir the little devil cannot be clubbed to

death perhaps he can be muzzled.-Milwau-

Dr. Koch's son-in-law has discovered the

bacillus of the grip. Let him hit it with a club at once.—Louisvil'e Post.

This helps us about as much as the dis-

covery of a hon helps a man who is in a jungle without a gun.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

A GERMAN scientist has discovered another

microbe. If this keeps up there will be no

Ir is said that grin germs have been caught

nd photographed. This is letting light in a

subject regarding which we have been some-

THE fact that the influenza pacillus is the

smallest of bacilli, according to a Berlin doc-

tor's discovery, does not militate against

running back to the ninth century. It gripes

Dr. PFEIFFER, of Berlin, has discovered

manimous and insinuating little cuss alive.

We have been aware of that fact for some

time. How to kill him before he kills you is

LADY SOMERSET AMERICANIZED.

She Is Delighted With the Country and May

Stitle in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 .- [Special.]-Lady Somet set and Miss Francis E. Willard will assume

editorial charge of the Union Signal, the or-

gan of the World's Women's Christian Tem-

gan of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, vice Miss Mary Allen West, who has gone west on a six month vacation. According to rumors which were current to-day Miss West will not return to the Union Signal as its editress-in-chief. Lady Somerset has become so interested in the work in America, and so attached to the United States as a country and Chicago as a city, that she will take up permanent abode here.

The Intent Constituted the Crime.

The Pittsburg man who "held up" an Alle

gheny railroad train "just for a joke" got 30

days in the workhouse. DeLaughter, who held up a Central Railroad train for business, not ten years in the penitentiary. The Pennsylvanian drew pistols and terrorized everybody, but the Judge probably said that the intent constituted the crime.

Both Came Up Smiling

It was expected that the grip would be

paralyzed in its struggle with Ben Butler.

THE WEATHER.

WHITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.

But streets our way are of slimy clay— The walking is bad out there.

Was flecked with white clouds fleecy But you'd heave a sign as you pass by

The bright blue sky, if you looked so high,

Detroit Journal.]

but both came up smiling.

the perplexing question.-Louisville Times.

what in the dark .- Duluth Tribune.

takes the road .- Washington Star.

room in the world for people.-Atlanta Jour

presents a

LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. - Speaker Crisp's and Rights of the People, condition is so far improved that his associ-ates of the majority of the Committee on

SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS. To Attack Them Is to Attack the Libertic

An organization called "The Law and Order Society" has begun a crusade in Pittsburg, Pa., to suppress the publication of Sunday newspapers. Preachers have been denouncing the Sunday newspapers until a crowd of enthusiasts have been thoroughly convinced that they are not doing their duty to the Lord, nor to their fellow man, unless they devote their time, talents, energies and wealth to this work of suppressing the dissemination of worldly information on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday. There is a statute on the laws of the Common weaith prohibiting all worldly employment on that day except works of charity and necessity The proceedings are just in their incipiency, and it is too early to say exactly what form the prosecution and the defense will assume but when under the full agitation of earnes conflict, it promises to be a crusade worth following. The society is strong in money and respectability, it has the inducement of fines and costs to incite it to full activity and constant exertion; the Sunday newspe pers of that city have been long established and have great mental and considerable financial resources. It may be regarded as a battle of giants, and go far toward estab-lishing a precedent from which a more distinct interpretation of the Sunday laws may be made. It is not probable that the pub lishers of Sunday newspapers will rely upon the charitable defense; contend that the publishing of a Sunday newspaper is the work of charity. They will probably con-cede that it is published as a business enter prise, for gain, but is it a work of necessity This depends on a definition of necessiwithin the meaning of the law. It may be contended that mankind can exist without a newspaper, and it would be difficult to deny the truth of the assertion.

But when it comes to preaching; this pro ession is followed for pecuniary gain, and mankind could exist without it, but it would require a singularly constituted legal mind which would conclude that preaching on Sunday is a violation of the law. The choirs and organ players in the churches are frequently professionals, paid regularly for their services, and the services could be conducted without them, but is anyone wiid enough to assume that this purely worldly employment on Sanday is violation of the law? It is possible for people to subsist on cold victuals on Sunday; shall every house wife who prepares a meal on that day, therefore, be liable to punishment for engaging in this worldly employment of cooking? A line must evidently be drawn somewhere for a definition of necessity, other than that without which an individual could not possibly exist. It has been admitted by the courts that what may be the luxuries of a people in one state of advancement may be necessities to another state of advancement; not because they could not exist without them, but because they have become a part of their accustomed enjoyments or conveniences of life. Newspapers have grown into the lives of the people of all enlightened nations; they are essential to the dissemination of information among the people; they are a necessity as truly as preaching the gospel is, or conducting lines of transportation which have been held by legal decisions to be necessary. To attack the Sunday newspaper is to attack the liberties and the rights of the people. It is an effort to restore to that extent the dark ages; to curtail the means of obtaining infor mation at the earliest possible moment of the transactions of the world. We expect to see this senseless crusade result in a decided

#### A SHORTER CREED COMING.

The Old Westminster Confession to Be Rel-

for an investigation into the progress and management of the World's Columbian Exegated to Ancient History. NEW YORK, Jan. 11 .- The General Commit lege of reporting to the full committee at tee on Revision of the Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. William C. Roberts, of Lake THE President to-day sent to the Senate Forest University, is President, will meet the nomination of Ralph K. Nichols to be in this city to-morrow. The principal object Register of the Land Office at North Yakima, of this adjourned meeting is understood to be the reception and consideration of reports of the action of the various Presby THE Society of the Daughters of the teries throughout the country on the sub-ject of revision. The committee had in-vited this expression of opinion.

It is believed by some who are well in-formed that the final result will be the ap-Revolution have decided to give an exhibit at the World's Pair of the manners, customs and domestic life of the revolutionary or colonial period. On February 22, Washington's Birthday, the society will hold a proval of the plan outlined by the Chicago Presbytery, namely: The retirement of the present creed as a historical monument, and the formulation and adoption of a shorter declaration of belief in keeping with series of interesting events. On the morning of February 22 the credentials of members will be presented, but the chief event will be the annual address by Mrs. President Harrison. In the evening it is proposed to hold a graud colonial ball. This will be the ball of the season, and many old-time rowns, with heirlooms of rare and curious jewelry will be once more put to use. On Tuesday evening there will be orations by members of the Sons of Revolution, and also Sons of the American Revolution. On Wednesday, the 24th, there will be the election of officers for the national organization.

## OSSIFIED. YET HE LIVES.

A Long Island Man Drags Out a Painful Existence.

PORT JEFFERSON, L. I., Jan. 11.-Edward Emmons, 37 years old, has been living in a state of ossification since 1876. Emmons was one of the crew of the schooner Julia Willia Captain W. B. Daycon. At the age of 21 he returned from a sea voyage, and before the schooner reached this port he was stricken with rheumatism. For nearly 16 years be has suffered the most excruciating agony, while his body and limbs, except his left erm, became rigid, as if deprived of all their joints. Even his laws are closed and set. and he takes his food through an opening made by the loss of two front teeth. Em-mons is able to move his left arm sufficiently to feed himself, but it is with difficulty. The patient speaks quite distinctly and is able to see and hear, although both of these senses have been impaired by the progress of the disease. He has grown so emaciated that his morther and sixty. that his mother and sister, who take care of him, lift him in and out of bed as if he were a log of wood. His only pastime is reading, and as his appetite is good he may live sev-

## HUNTED TWO PUMAS.

Seven Hunters Injured and Nine Hounds Killed by the Animals.

LEIPSIC, O., Jan. 11.-The greatest hunt ever undertaken in the State took place near here yesterday, when 700 men and 50 hounds turned out to run down two pumas, which the thoroughness of its work after it once for two weeks have been preying on live THE grip has a long pedigree, says Prof. stock in the neighborhood. The beasts were encountered early in the afternoon, much to the sorrow of hunters and hounds. Nothnagel, the Austrian court physician, The fight was kept up until dark, with the result that seven of the hunters are dangerously injured, at least two fatally, and nine of the hounds are dead. The pumas are now surrounded in a swamp and the fight humanity for three or four years and then dies out for 20 years or more. We are all waiting for its vacation.—Detroit Journal. will be renewed. that the grip bacillus is the smallest, most

## DOG MEAT DID NOT CURE.

Death of a Consumptive Who Tried as

Ineffectual Remedy. MUNCIE, IND., Jan. 11 .- George Howell, the consumptive who sought relief by dieting on dog meat for the past two weeks, died last night. Mrs. Howell denounces the al-

has aight. Ars. Howell denounces the al-leged remedy, and accounts for the relief her husband obtained at one time in the following manner: Through confidence in the meal, the victim partakes more freely tian of any other diet, thereby receiving nourishment for a time, but as for perma-nent relief, she says the remedy is a fraud.

# SEEKING THE CONVENTION.

MILWAUKEE is eager to secure the National Democratic Convention, Chicago would like to see her in possession of the political plum, -Chicago Inter Ocean. Now that St. Louis has resigned its claims

got to say about it?-Chicago Tribune. Tax fight for the Democratic Presidental Convention now seems to be between St. Paul and Kansas City. As between the two Colorado would rather see the latter place

on the Democratic National Convention in favor of Kansas City, what has Milwaukee

win. - Colorado Sun. The fight for the Democratic National Convention appears to be between Kausas City and Milwarkee, with the chances in favor of the former if sound and practical reasons are to prevail over superficial and irrelevant nes.-St. Louis Globe Democrat.

INDIANAPOLIS is said to be doing much quiet work on its Democratic Convention boom. Blocks of five methods are not popular in the Democratic party. Come out openly, Indianapolis, or drop out.-Kansas

Sr. Louis is said to have formally with drawn from the contest for the National Democratic Convention, St. Louis evidently proposes to avoid excitement and husband all her resources to come to Chicago during the World's Fair.—Chicago Inter Ocean. AMONG THE BEAU MONDE.

Third Dance of Monday Evening Series at the Pittsburg Club-Arrangements for a Coming Opening Reception-Various Functions Noted and Polite People Par-

agraphed. THE third of the series of Monday evening ances was held in the Pittsburg Club Theater last night, when, in spite of the lowering and altogether unattractive nature of the evening, a reasonably good atten-dance was present. It is no lenger to be doubted that these Monday evening dances are not what they were. The interest is dying out, but the failure is not due to any mismanagement by the present committee, which was, if memory serves well, appointed this season. The people are tired and these young men were, unfortunately for them, put in charge were, unfortunately for them, put in charge just at the beginning of the end. The greatest credit possible has been won by the committee by its undeviating course of energetic effort to carry an old man of the woods on its shoulders. What is known as the small dances is surely replacing the older function, the politic nature of which is evidenced by the fact that the first of the two dances is given at the Drogesne Ciph and the second given at the Duquesne Club and the secon at the Pittsburg Club. It is not impossible to conceive the next season without a Mon-day evening dance as it is known to-day and a series of two small dances floufishing and multiplying, or else the complexion of things will suddenly take on another hue.

THE opening reception at the Pittsburg Club, previously arranged for Thursday evening, 21st inst., has been delayed until the succeeding Thursday: a disappointment about the furniture, which did not arrive when expected, being the cause of the post conement. The reception will be give the Governing Committee of the club, assisted by a number of their fashionable women friends, under whose chaperonage the entire club shall be thrown open for the inspection of that fortunate world to which the entire club shall be thrown open for the inspection of that fortunate world to which it belongs. Associated with Mr. William N. Frew, the President, on the committee are Mr. Frank P. Sproul, Mr. William G. Park, Mr. Wynn R. Sewell, Mr. W. K. Shiras, Mr. Nathaniel Holmes, Mr. William G. Price, Mr. Joseph R. Dilworth and Mr. J. Harvey White. The ladies' committee is composed of Mrs. W. N. Frew, Mrs. F. P. Sproul, Mrs. W. G. Park, Mrs. W. R. Sewell and Mrs. Joseph Dilworth.

REDFERN is making the going-away dress of the Princess May of Teck against the coming ceremony which makes her the wife of the heir presumptive of England. It is to be of white cloth, of English manufacture, trimmed with sable. Elise, the famous dressmaker, is making the wedding gown, the satin for which is being woven at Spitalthe satin for which is being woven at Spitan-fields. The brocade for the train is being presented by the Ladies Committe of the National Silk Association. The dress will be trimmed with Honiton lace, and the train will be borne by eight bridesmaids, all of whom are to be daughters of dukes, earls or marquises. They will wear white and silver, trimmed with May blossoms, in compliment to Princes Maria professions. marquises. They will wear white and silver, trimmed with May blossoms, in compliment to Princess May's pretty name. The newspapers at the present time are quarreling over the place to be selected for the wedning ceremonials, but they all unite in saying that Windsor will not be the place. This last is quite likely correct, since, when the English people are talking of a wedding present for the Duke and Duchess of Clarence in the form of a fat check, it would be more politic to permit them a view of the parade, white to permit them a view of the parade, white elephants and all. Undoubtedly it will take place in London, and the date is set for Feb-

THERE is a possibility of the Linden Club adding a case to its otherwise cosy and con-venient clubhouse. It has always been a matter of regret that such an essential part of a clubhouse as a kitchen should have been forgotten by those who planned the building, as it is absolutely necessary when building, as it is absolutely necessary when suppers are being served on cotilion nights. There is also a complaint that service in the neighborhood of the clubhouse is very bad. Since the portentions sister clubs in town do not besitate to have a catering establishment for the use of their memoers, there seems no reason why the Linden Club should not fill a want keenly felt and increase its exchequer at the same time. It is evident that should a movement like this take a tangible form the promoters of it will not want for encouragement.

Social Chatter.

It is said, Max O'Reli's lecture on Saturday It is said, Max O'Reil's lecture on Saturday evening was not a financial success, and that the Mission Francaise is something near \$150 out of pocket thereby. Lecturing as a business seems to be varily overdone. So far as Pittsburg's experience goes the gentlemen who came here traveling on their brains, have "Jonatest" everything but themselves and have sunk the ship, while they escape a comfortable seat in the whale's stomach. It is a great pity that so worthy a cause as the Mission should not have received more encouragement.

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It is conceded on all sides that Miss Nina King, whose debut came off three weeks ago in the Duquesne Ulub, is by all odds the prettiest of the serson's debutantes. The same authority, divine by majority, declares Miss Julia watson to be the most powerfully supported young Torsan undealigned. fully supported young woman probably Pittsburg has ever seen socially. Moreover, Nature has been very kind to her also, so between this and that, Miss Watson is nothing if not a success

A preision of the Linden Club for the en-A DECISION of the Linden Club for the entertainment of its members by a eauserie introducing literary and musical features, has materialized for Thursday evening. Mrs. McDonald, a lady from Boston, said to be a singer of power and taste, will make her first appearance, and a talk on physical culture will be given by Miss Elizabeth Wright. The entertainment is under the auspices of the club, and admittance to it is by invitation only. tion only.

THE Misses Lewis, of Hazelwood, gave a The Misses Lewis, of Hazelwood, gave a ten party yesterday afternoon for friends who are visiting the lamily. By the way, Hazelwood appropriates to itself two of the prettlest girls in town-Miss Bertha Scally and Miss Edith Lewis, whose types of beauty are so nearly of the same order that they have been mistaken for each other. Miss Lewis is somewhat the younger of the two and is just home from school.

Profix are saying that it's a pity there is no speciators' gallery at the Pittsburg Club Theater similar to that in the Duquesne Assemblee rooms. There are so many people who do not wish to dance the entire evening or even to do so at all, who would enjoy such a convenience. The foyer answers the purpose somewnat, but is by no means equal to the other. Is Vienna there is a club of rich men

pledged to marry poor girls. If a member marries a rich girl he is fined \$2,000, the marries a rica giri he is nied \$3,00, the money being presented to some worthy im-pecuations couple engaged to be married. Heaven send that the good work spread and that apostles shall be sent out to all the world to preach such a gospel. The Mnenosyme Club, of Allegheny, gives a house entertainment at the home of Miss Young, who is one of its members. Miss Adelaide Lare, one of the cleverest members of the dead and gone East End Dramatic Club, will support one of the characters.

THE engagement of Miss Ihmsen to Robert G. Mattern, announced in the early winter, culminates in a wedding in February, which will take place at the home of the bride in Edgewoodville on the 16th of the month. Thems is talk of the fortnightly euchres being re-established at the Linden Club this winter. They were among the most agree-able and successful forms of entertainment indulged in at the club last winter.

MRS. KATHERINE OLDSHUE, who is spending the winter at the Kenmawr, has become the belle of that gay place, and at its balls, is the sought after of all seckers. MISS KATE E. EMPPIELD, of Indiana, Pa., is the guest this week, or her coasin, Mrs. Porter E. Calhoun, or Fifth avenue, Oakland.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mis. W. N. Frew for a dinner at the Pittsburg Club on Friday evening. MRS. A. E. W. PAINTER has been confined to bed several weeks with a severe attack or the grip. Miss Jessie Lvoxs, of Western avenue, is visiting at her former home in Marion, Ind. THE Misses Lewis, of Hazelwood, gave a

sleighing party on saturday evening To-DAY Miss Blanche Playford will be mar-ried to Mr. Edgar C. Boyle. A LEAP YEAR party entertained by Mrs. Chaplin on Friday evening.

THE Misses Farrel, o Craig street, give a lance on Thursday night. THE Imhoff-Graff wedding this evening. Beneleanit Not Married by the Mayor.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 .- A few days ago it was announced that Aubrey Boucicault and Miss Amy Bushby, theatrical people, would be married by Mayor Washburne. This morning the Mayor informed that he was without the powers of a civil magistrate, so the couple called on Rev. Dr. Clinton Locke, of Grace Episcopal Church, who performed the cereinous.

The Boom Needs No Pepsis New York Advertiser.] Anyhow Mr. Blame's Presidental bo CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-It takes more than 100 bees to weigh an

-The ofter is growing scarce even in the extreme Northwest.

-An acre of pasture land contains on an

-A Texan pony found the watch which his master had lost and brought it to him in

-In Ventura county, California, there is a miphur spring that is hot in the morning and cool in the heat of the day.

-Recently at Amador, Cal., a block of marble weighing 100 tons was quarried and cut up into columns for a new theater. -A French scientist declares that the iomestic pets of the world carry at least 30 per cent of the common contagious diseases from house to house.

-The flora of the east coast of Florida ontains many species from the West Indies, which have been brought by the equatorial currents through the Carribean Sea into the Gulf of Mexico and around by the Gulf

-Some fishes have horns which are actually outgrowths of bone on their heads. The box fish, which inhabits the warm waters of the globe—a little fellow six or eight inches long—has horns an inch in ength.

-From the small island of St. Kilda, off cotland, 20,000 young gannets and an immense number of eggs are annually col-ected; and although this bird lays only one gg per annum, and is four years in attaining naturity, its numbers do not diminish. -A hole 1-500 of an inch in diameter has been considered remarkable, but nowadays jewels with holes much smaller in diameter

are required for several purposes. They are inserted in plates for drawing wire and fiber, and are used in electrical, mathematical and nautical instruments. -There is a species of crow in India which assembles in flocks of about 20 or 30 in the recesses of forests, and whose note so

exactly resembles the human voice in loud hughing that a person ignorant of the real cause would fancy that a very merry party was close at hand. -There are in the world 147 educational institutions called universities. The largest is in Paris, with 9,215 students; the next in

Vienna, with 6,220; the third in Berlin, with 527. The smallest is a branch of Durham University, Fourah Bay College, in Sierra Leone, with 12 students and five professors. -For nearly half a century Mount Everest. or Gaurisacker (as it is known in Europe and Asia), was thought to be the apex of the world. In 1881, however, a Captain Lawson, sent out by the British Geographical Society, discovered a peak an the Isle of Papna which is 32,763 feet in height. He named it

Mount Hercules. -Mr. Francis Darwin has proved by experiment that insect or meat fed plants bear seavier and more seeds than those unred. He grew two lots under similar conditions, feeding one with roast meat and the other with nothing. The nampered plants bore 240 seeds to the others' 100, with a superiority in weight of seeds.

-The echo at the Eagle's Nest on the banks of the Killarney is renowed for its re-petition of a bugle call, which seems to be repeated by a hundred instruments, until it gradually dies away in the air. At the re-port of a cannon, the loudest thunders re-verberate from the rock and die in seem-ingly endless peals along the distant mount-

-The official report shows that 890 people ommitted suicide in Paris during the past year, 243 of whom hanged themselves, 205 were drowned, 184 asphyxiated, 138 shot, 65 jumped from windows, 33 were poisoned, 24 stabled, 5 rnn over by trains, and 13 left by methods miscellaneous. Among the drowned and window jumpers the majority were

-Behind the temple at Beni Hassan great pits have been found containing multitudes of cat mummies. The cat was regarded as an emblem of the sun, its eyes being supposed to vary in color with the progress of the luminary through the heavens. Like-wise its eyes were believed to undergo a clusnge each lumar month, for which reason the heast was also sacred to the moon.

-Four years ago no white man was per-

enormous, the number of rooms, at the lowest computation, being 4,422. Its treasures of marble statues, ancient gems, paintings, books, manuscripts, etc., are to be comings, books, manuscripts, etc., are to be com-pared only with those in the British Museum. The length of the Statue Museum alone is a fraction over a mile. Conservative writers say that the gold contained in the medals, vessels, chains and other objects preserved in the Vatican would make more gold coins than the whole of the present European cir-

culation. -When all the particulars of the census are out it will probably be found that there are nearly 20,000 women in the United Kingdom who earn their living by nursing. The number seems enormous, yet becomes com-prehensible when we consider that the nursing stuff of the largest hospital in London numbers 200, and that the nursing stuffs of the seven largest hospitalis reach a total of 1,600. And there are 123 hospitals in London, besides the numerous institutions which supply private nurses, of which several employ over 160 women.

-The really famous fan painters of Europe are Albert, Chenevice, Houghton, Eugene Ciceri and Lassaliez. Albert is a painter of miniatures, and his training shows in his work on fans. His figures have a remarkable bentity of finish. Cheneviere is strong in costumes. He delights in depicting gay groups of Parisians. Houghton's work is noticeable for delicate fluish. Cleeri work is noticeable for delicate linish. Cleeri is almost alone in painting Alpine scenes. He will cover the whole face of a fan with a great Alpine landscape, and one easily recognizable by those familiar with the Alps. Lasallez is peculiarly rich in coloring. Fans painted by these artists are sold for \$125 to \$500 cach.

## MOMENTARY SMILES.

Young Wife-Don't say anything about

this to mamma, Fded, Husband-Certainly not, Young Wife-Because she would say, "I told you and it would please her, for-for she really Hd. - Neso Fork Herald.

So common 'tis for some doomed man to fall Lifeless beneath the electric wires that smite him, With ghastly humor now the papers call The shocking episode, "a current item,"

"Is it true, Shykes, that you are going to

marry your typewriter?"
"Yes, it's true, Gilzzard. I was paying her as high a sainry as I could afford: She wanted more, and something had to be done."—Chicago Tribone. The Boss-Look here, Tomson, you've painted that hundry sign" Laudry." What do you Journeyman-I dode dow how it was, unless it's because I've got ad dawful cold id the head.

What a queer combination of cheek and perversity, insolence, pride, gab, impudence, vanity,

Jealousy, hate, scorn, baseness, insanity, Honor, truth, wisdom, virtue, urbanity, is that whimsical biped called man! Who can fathom the depth of his innate depravity. To-day he's all gayety, to-morrow all gravity. For blowing his own born he has a propensity,

Even under clouds of singular density.
Oh, mythical clay-bank called man! "Keep a stiff upper lip," said Miss

Biceker to her friend Miss Emerson, of Boston.
"Yes," replied the latter, "I intend to maintain a superior labial rigidity."—Judge. Intruder-I would like to show you this Ed tor-I don't want to see it. I know already

Texas Siftings. As every dog must have his day And every cat his night, So mistlefoe has come and gone, And now is "out of sight."

-Brooklyn Bagle. Miss de Muir (at reception, to stately

young lady) Miss rilghup, permit me to intro-duce my brother. Major de Muir.

Miss Highup-I am glad to meet you, Major de Muir. Are you in the army, Major?

The Young Man-No, Miss Highup, Major is my Christiau name.

[Miss Highup raints.]—Chicago Tribuna.