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JINGOISM OUT OF PLACE. So well is the temper of the United States known both at home and abroad that there is not the slightest danger any responsible power will misunderstand such patience as may be shown in arriving at an understanding with Chile. This popular government and by the disposireasonable upon earth, is also the very last which would submit to intentional insult or deliberate injury from a responsible quarter. Other countries understand that fact perfectly in proportion to their intelligence. If Chile does not grasp it, the cause lies in Chilean ignorance.

But it is precisely because the ultimate course of the United States is fixed beforehand in given circumstances that it bebooves whatever of the "jingo" tendency there is in certain quarters to check itself into a mood of serious moderation. War is not to be recklessly desired even with Chile. Up to the last, allowance should be made for the fact that Chile, just emerged from a civil conflict and in the hands of those who have as yet scarcely got a firm footing as rulers, may, without any derogation from the dignity of the United States, be given more time for reparation and expression of the regret than might be accorded if the offense came from other directions. Above all, the idea that the United States is to be in any degree impelled to war through the desire of politicians to make capital, or of naval officers to win glory, should not have the least encouragement. The intention of such a spirit exercising an influence at Washington is in itself abhorrent to the better sense of the nation.

The moral considerations ultimately involved should rule the attitude and action of our statesmen; but there is also the material consideration which the "jingoes" would do well to consider, that even Chile, relatively contemptible as such an antagonist would be in ultimate resourcesmight succeed in doing a vast deal of damage before being finally conquered. The correspondent who in yesterday's Dis-PATCH pointed out the condition of our navy and the insufficient defenses of our scaboard cities did a timely service.

Notwithstanding all the preparations and the belligerent talk the likelihood is as an hundred to one that there will be no hostilities. But if occasion for hostility come, it will be much more creditable to this nation and in accord with the feelings of our people, that it come as a virtual necessity rather than that it be encouraged as something desirable in itself. The tone of some of the papers which have been clamoring for immediate declarations against the Chileans is in no sense to be commended. Mr. Blaine, who has never been accused of want of spirit in his foreign policy, expresses much better the national feeling in refusing to give the encouragement to the idea that hostilities are either probable or desirable.

## PROVING ITS USEFULNESS.

The letter from Chancellor Holland, of the Western University, upon the actual condition and workings of the Carnegie Library in Allegheny, while giving no more than a cursory observation, is reassuring to the believers in that educational enterprise. In the midst of acknowledgments of the good purposes of Andrew Carnegie there have from the first been those who doubted the value of libraries for the multitude in our days. These skeptics have in truth been more numerous than supposed. Doubtless the idea of the ungraciousness of looking a gift horse in the mouth has restrained most of them from open criticism-but all the same they have kept their opinions.

When the library lost its brand-newness as a gift-when the gloss of novelty wore off, and it became an item of considerable annual expense on the tax-list of Allegheny-critics soon began to question its work. The subject has been up among Allegheny Councilmen, in re the coming year's appropriation; and it is possible that not a few taxpayers are just now thinking of the cost rather more than the benefits.

At this juncture Dr. Holland's letter upon the subject, which appears in another column of THE DISPATCH this morning, is decidedly timely. It tells in a plain way of the already large and growing public use of the library; and it shows that even in these days of cheap books, a well-stored public library is a thing of popular use as well as beauty.

## JUDGE ACHESON'S RULING.

The summary of Judge Acheson's decision in the application of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to enforce its order against the Lehigh Valley Railroad reveals points which were not given in the telegraphic report and puts a somewhat different phase on it. The gist of the ruling is that the findings of fact and the points of law decided by the Commission are not regarded by the Court as conclusive in its proceeding, and the question must be reinquired into and passed upon by the Court. But the ruling recognizes this difference from an original inquiry, that the burden of proof does not rest upon the complainants in the case. but the finding of the Commission establishes a prima facie case and places on the railroad the burden of overcoming its conclusion and establishing the reasonableness and impartiality of its freight

carry out the full intent of the act with regard to the summary enforcement of the rulings of the Commission it does not, as was at first thought, reduce the means of enforcement to a nullity. It is permissible to infer that the order will be eventually enforced unless the railroad corporation is able to show good reasons for reversing. The enforcement will be retarded, and the procedure laid down by the court puts it in the power of the railroad to delay proceedings and take an appeal, simply by disobeying the orders of the commission. But it still leaves open the bope of an eventual enforcement at the time in the future, when the resources of delay at the disposition of the corporations in equity proceedings have been fully exhausted.

It is a significant indication of the struggle over the question whether the railroads can be made to obey the law that the public has to be thankful for that faint hope that the law will be triumphant.

WHALEBACKED FIGHTING VESSELS. It is stated by an Eastern journal that Captain McDougall, the designer of the whaleback freight vessels, is "seriously entertaining an idea that has been dis cussed elsewhere rather as matter of curiosity, namely, the construction of warships on the whaleback principle." The fault to be found with the statement is

that the idea has been discussed elsewhere

as a matter of curiosity. Everyone who has given attention to the claims in behalf of the whalebacks as freight carriers must have recognized that if these claims are fulfilled in actual practice, as they seem to have been, the whalebacks presents a type admirably adapted for the heavily armored warships of the future. The Monitor class, which has never been excelled for fighting qualities in smooth water, is heavily handicapped by the unseaworthiness of that class of vessels. But the voyage of the whaleback barge, first to England and thence around country, while in the very nature of its the American continent to Portland, indicates that here is a type of vessel that tion of its people the most peaceful and combines the impregnability of the Moniitor type with the seagoing qualities of the cruisers. Its sloping decks, from which almost any shot must glance, permits of perfect protection with much less weight of armor than is necessary for less protection on vessels of high free-board. Its large tonnage capacity indicates that after allowing for the weight of armor turret and guns, it could carry an amount of coal that would

> ram-a neval ideal of thirty years' standing heretofore never realized. Such possibilities as these give point to the suggestions of THE DISPATCH that the United States should, besides providing its navy with cruisers of the best class, proceed tentatively in the line of constructing battleships. There is every reason to believe that the whalebacked fighting ship, properly worked, may work as great a moral destruction among the navies of Europe as the Monitor and Merrimac did

give it a larger radius of action than can

be secured for the European battleships.

Its submerged prow could be sharpened

and armored so as to combine with the

artillery power of its protected turret the

offensive qualities of the turtle-backed

## APPETIZING GRIEF.

in their day.

The usual annual research into the archives of Senatorial luxuries reveals the regular evidence of the expense of funerals, with the additional feature of evidence of the hearty appetite that enables the Senatorial mourners to bear up on those sad occasions.

ducive of the undertaker's kill Of this sum \$845 58 was for meals. As this allots \$42 worth of provender to each of the twenty Senatorial mourners, it is evident that the grief of that sad occasion was of the chastened variety, which enabled the bereaved Senators to take plenty of sustenance for their perishable bodies, The funeral of Senator Hearst was a more expensive one, costing \$20,000. The exact amount spent for victualing the griefstricken Senators is not given, nor is the cost of the stimulants used to revive and console their depressed spirits. But supposing the proportion to have been the same as in the other funeral, we infer that each of the bereaved mourners exhibited a heroic determination to bear up under affliction by putting himself outside of four hundred dollars' worth of the products of the caterer's art. The Roman heroism which keeps up the Senatorial appetite on these occasions of grief is one of the many striking and peculiar features of that peculiar institution, the Congressional funeral.

This peculiar feature of the Senatorial funerals seems to warrant a tentative suggestion that public men who possess the phenomenal quality of being made so very honory by mourning should lay in a private stock of viands for such occasions.

CRIMINAL POLICE PRACTICES. The acquittal of the persons charged with the kidnaping of a wealthy Detroit citizen reveals a state of affairs that calls for wide comment. It is hinted upon in the brief telegraphic report by the remark that the verdict will probably result in "a wholesale cleaning out of the police force."

The crime of kidnaping a wealthy citizen and holding him for ransom, is a pecultarly bold defiance of individual rights and the whole system of law. If there had been any decent proof that the parties accused were guilty of that bold crime, there can hardly be any doubt that any jury would have convicted them. The conclusion from the verdict is that the jury was satisfied from the evidence that the Detroit police, being unable to find the real criminals, concluded to vindicate themselves by trumping up a case against some one. The result is that the 'vindica tion has settled on the wrong persons.

If this is the real state of the case, it shows the police to be no better than the criminals. Officers of the law who try to send innocent men to the penitentiary in order to conceal their own inefficiency are no better than kidnapers themselves. When the possibility of such a practice is demonstrated, it opens up the road to all sorts of corruption, such as shielding real criminals, and sharing in the profit of criminal acts. When citizens are at the mercy of kidnapers or conspirators, whether in uniform or out of it, the question whether there is any real protection in law

becomes a vital one. It is certainly to be hoped that if the facts are as stated there will be a wholesale cleaning out of the Detroit police force. But the cleaning out should comprise securing for police officers, who have been active in the effort to convict innocent men, a long residence in the Michigan penitentiary.

THE police of St. Petersburg have been treated to a strange surprise. They raided a house with the conviction that they would be rewarded by the arrest of Nihilist conspirators. Instead of conspirators they tound social celebrities indulging in a masquerade orgy. The Czar was much dis-pleased, and took summary measures to

show his disapproval. It is such proceedings of immoral aristocracy which incite the extre

THE death of Joseph Lovering, A. M., L. L. D., Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, is a loss, not only to America, but to the whole scientific

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S proposal of mar-riage as unearthed by Mr. Jesse Welk, his latest biographer, is one of the most re-markable love letters on record. There is no word of love or marriage in the whole production. To a thoughtless reader t would appear strangely cold and careless, but it breathes throughout a sincerity of consideration for the happiness of the woman he loved which is peculiar for its utter unselfishness.

IF, as a Memphis paper proposes, the war should be carried on exclusively by the war correspondents, we would be sure of gaining lots of bloody victories—on paper.

It is interesting to learn from Philadelbia that "not for years have the pavements been so free from snow and ice, after a heavy fall of the former, as they were on Saturday." Pittsburgers who have been suffering from the disposition of the pave-ments to slide out from under them during the wet and sleety weather, will regard it as good economy to send a commission of city officials to Philadelphia, to learn how it is

It is appropriate that the most important exhibits from Philadelphia at the World's Fair should be antiquarian relics of the times before the Revolution.

HON. GEORGE FRED WILLIAMS, of Decham and Washington, in his speech at the Reform Club dinner, said that "an Independent is a man who gives up his party for his principles." This is good, and the more Independents we have the better. Mr. Williams stays with his party, it is presumed, either from lack of principle or want of strength to stand alone.

W. GORDON-CUMMING is hunting large game in Canada, while his friends in England are hunting for the reputation of which ne was recently robbed.

WHEN a band of intolerant farmers duck couple and burn their hut because they had not been shown their marriage certifi-cate, it is easy to decide which party was the more immoral. The woman had been ill for several weeks and will probably die from a persecution based on the principles of morality.

THE praiseworthy persistence of the Signal Service in prophesying that cold wave, points to the expectation that we shall get

THE fact that, owing to the failure to submit alterations to the insurance companies, the Allegheny City Hall now carries no insurance is only another indication of the present muddled condition of city sffair

RUDYARD KIPLING found fault with America in general, but that did not prevent him from marrying one of its women

THOSE who know the small return made for exorbitant charges to college students for board, will see the wisdom in the organ-ization of a University eating club at

NEARLY every day brings news of one or more lynchings, and contains no report of any attempt to punish the law-breakers.

## PERTINENT PERSONALITIES.

MOUNET-SULLY, the celebrated actor of the Comedie Francaise, has become so af-flicted with defective vision that he is al-

PAUL DU CHAILLU, the traveler, has been laid up with the grip at Chicago since the 15th of December, but is gradually get-The funeral of Senator Wilson cost, ex-

ME AND MRS ARCHIBALD FORRES ATrived in New York Saturday by the steamer Saale en route for Washington. They expect to return to England in about two IT is said that E. Ellery Anderson will

retire from the Presidency of the New York Reform Club at the expiration of his present term of office, and will devote his spare time to his tariff reform work. MRS. STANLEY is exceedingly anxious

that her husband should write a biography and stand for Parliament. What possi connection there may be between the two is not made sufficiently clear. RUDYARD KIPLING, the well-known story writer, was married Monday to Miss

Balestier, sister of the young American novelist, Wolcott Balestier, who died recently at Dresden from typhoid fever. MISS VAN LEW, who was at one time the postmaster of Richmond, paid her taxes the other day like a good citizen, but at the same

time filed a protest on the ground that she considered it a crime to tax women without THE REV. SAMUEL A. ELIOT, who suceeds the Rev. Brooke Hereford in his Boston pulpit, is one of the youngest clergymen in the country. He is but 29 years of age and the second son of President Eliot, of Harvard, whom he resembles. He has been

preaching in Denver during the past two SPEAKER CRISP is progressing quite rapidly toward recovery, but it will be next week at least before he ventures to resume his duties at the House of Representatives and good weather will be necessary to make it safe for him to visit the Capitol. more work yesterday than at any time since

he was prostrated. HON. EDWARD J. PHELPS, of Vermont, formerly Minister to England, had an audience with the President at the White House yesterday morning. It is generally understood that he will be one of the repre sentatives of the United States on the trithe Bering Sea question.

## MIXED AT THE FONT.

#### The Priest Did Not Know Which Baby Had Been Baptized.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 19 .- One of the queerest in cidents that ever befell a Catholic priest in the performance of his duties occurred at the old Cathedral not more than a week ago, and was witnessed by a large crowd who were viewing the decorations. The baptismal ceremony was being performed at the font and the recipients of the sacrament were pair of lusty-lunged twins. One of the youngsters had come into the world weakly and was baptized instantly by an attendant. The priest got wind of the matter, and when the time came for performing the eere mony asked the godmother which was th regenerated babe. Consternation reigned supreme. The twins had got hopelessly supreme. The twins had got hopelessiy mixed, as usual, and the similarity of appearance rendered identification impossible. The nurse was called in and eyed the babies for birthmarks, but gave it up in despair. The priest ended the dilemma by giving both the youngsters conditional baptism, and the family went home satisfied.

## DISEASED COWS DISSECTED

#### Delaware Farmers Shown How Tubercu losis Operates.

NEWARK, DEL., Jan. 19 .- At a the Newcastle County Farmers' Institute at Delaware College, at which were present several hundred farmers, there was a discussion on tuberculosis or consumption in

Two live cows afflicted with tuberculosi were shown and then killed and dissected by State Veterinarian Evers, who explained the characteristic symptoms during life and showed the diseased parts after death. All the physicians, veterinarians and farmers present agreed that the disease was being constantly transmitted from beast to man by the use of the meat and milk of diseased animals,

## THE BLUE LAW CRUSADE.

The Game That Is Being Played.

Detroit News.] The Zanesville, O., Ministerial Association has just attacked one Sunday problem in the right way. Instead of calling on the Mayor to break up Sunday processions, the ministers simply pledge themselves not to attend funerals on Sunday accompanied by brass bands and other showy demonstra-tions. Of course this action will not affect Sunday processions, but it does not invade anybody's rights. There is a great moral difference between "freeze out" and "knock out." The last mentioned game is now being played in Pittsburg by the Law and Order Society. Wholesale arrests are being made of newsdealers, carriers and newsboys, with the view of breaking up the Sunday morning newspaper. The result will scarcely be watched with interest, for there is as little prospect of destroying the Sunday newspaper as there would be of closing all the hotels. Those over-pious people who make these periodical attacks on the Sunday newspapers have been en-lightened again and again on the rationale of the Sunday publication of the news, but they perversely neglect to retain their light and return to the assault about every so often. After all, it is a less dangerous form of crankism than some others now in vogue, and the public can afford to endure the brief

## They Mean What They Say.

New York Advertiser.]

The Pittsburg newsboys have arisen in wrath against the reformers who propose to prohibit the sale of Sunday newspapers. The Newsboys' Union has adopted resolutions protesting against being "flimmed" out of their work, and calling upon the people of Pittsburg, the Eighteenth Regiment and the "Boss of the State" to protect the newsboys from "them fellows what want to get our money under an ordinance passed before the slaves were freed." They further declare that they will sell Sunday papers as long as they are out of jail, or until the "Law and Order people get soaked," and they call upon labor people, who are older and bigger, to help them in their "fight to keep their rights and liberties." This means war, and the reformers would do well to see that the contest is not carried to the point when, as the boys threaten, they may get "soaked." It will be some weeks before the rivers and ponds are comfortably warm. They should think of their Sunday clothes, too. Boys, when aroused in de-fense of their "rights and liberties," are tough customers to encounter. The vigor-ous resolutions of the newsboys are not quite in accord with the rules of Lindley Murray, but, all the same, they mean what they say.

## The Sunday Paper Has Come to Stay.

Sharpsburg Heraid.] The Pittsburg Law and Order Society as it is now composed, consists of three foreigners of the rule or ruin kind. They have determined that they will make Americans who were born and raised in this community, do as they dictate. They have ordered suits against the Sunday newspapers, a purely American institution, that are read by millions of American people. They would de-prive the American of the American Sunday, and force them to observe only the Scotch-Irish Sabbath, according to the Scotch-Irish idea. Now it is high time that the American people were showing these foreign interopers that they will stand no dictation from them, and if they are not satisfied with our American institutions to pack their grips and get back to their own lands, where they may be permitted to practice their narrow, bigotted ideas without interference, as the Sunday paper has come to stay.

Impeding the Cause of Law and Order.

New York Recorder.]
It is rumored that a society formed to promore law and order, which has recently op-posed the circulation of Sunday papers in Pittsburg, seeks to extend its operations. The Sunday newspaper, properly conducted, is a refining agency, appropriate to the in-struction and edification of a household, not only on the day of its issue, but throughout the week. To impede the circulation of good household literature would be to re-tard, not to advance, the cause which the Law and Order Associations have at heart.

## CRETACEOUS FOSSILS.

Blue Mountain Explorers Secure Thousa of Specimens.

HEPNER, ORE., Jan. 19 .- A party of explor ers who have been spending the entire year n the Blue Mountains south of here have just come in to remain until the snow goes out by a museum in the East to search for fossils, and from the specimens they exhibit and the story they tell they have a veritable beginning ground of animals and birds which are now extinct. The gentlemen have secured over 1,000 specimens of cretac ous fossils, and will spend the winter in classifying and packing them for shipment classifying and packing them for supment East. It is claimed by paleontologists that fossil bones of birds are very rare and in no instance previously has there been a perfect specimen obtained. South of the Blue Mountains is what is known as Sage Brush Desert and in this desert is a small lake called Fossil Lake. This lake is in the midst of a scene which, for wild desolution and welrd picturesqueness, has not its equal probably in the world. To the south and east stretches the barren, waterless waste of the desert, while barren, waterless waste of the desert, while to the northeast rise the desolate heights of

to the northeast rise the desolate heights of Wagontire Mountains.

These mountains receive their names from the finding of the tires of the wagons of the last emigrants whose bones whitened on the sands of the plain. Few houters dare to cross this dreary waste of 150 miles in diameter, for the springs are few and hard to find. It was in this desert that the party made its headquarters during the past year, and it was here that they brought to light the strangest lot of fossils the world has ever seen. Such is the condition of the earth, air and water that the bones of extingt animals and birds have been kept intact for centuries, and now come torward to confound the theories of savants who have expounded learnedly on fossil remains and from a single bone constructed whole animals.

mals.

In the shifting sands about the stones of the desert lake are found the bones. In all 57 specimens of birds and 62 of animals were found, while mingled with the bones were spear and arrow heads which had been clipped out of volcanic glass by human be-ings. It is an evident fact that the savage ings. It is an evident fact that the savage man was here when some of these animals lived, for there was found embedded in the thigh bones of a mammoth an arrow head made of this volcanic glass. The place where these bones are found is known among the ranchmen of the country as "the bone yard," but until scientific research was made it was always supposed that the remains were those of recent animals.

## THE GREAT OBJECTOR.

OBJECTOR HOLMAN comes out flat-footed in favor of free coinage, and is more objectionable than ever .- Chicago Tribune.

MR. HOLMAN seems to regard appropris tion bills in about the same frame of mind in which a Texas steer regards a red flag waved under its nose.—Chicago News. WITH Mr. Holman in charge of the purse strings the navigability of Mud creek and

Mulligatawny bayon must wait for their de sired "improvement,"-New York World. HOLMAN'S peanut policy doesn't suit the peanut Democrats of the House. They would like to spend a little of the people's money in their respective districts .- Detroit THE great objector, Holman, of Indiana

has at last had the courage to raise a posi-tive issue, but it is in keeping with his past record and is itself an objection,-Kansa How stale, flat and unprofitable Congress

would be without Objector Holman, of Indiana. He is one of the few statesmen of the present generation who are great by on of their smallness .- Minneapolis Tri the united support of his party in his at-tempts to refuse all except departmental

their own money which cannot be successfully ignored.—Toledo Commercial. MR. HOLMAN will find the Republicans per fectly willing to co-operate with him in the enforcement of a policy of economy, and they will probably begin by voting against his bill to appropriate \$150,000 for a public building at Indianapolis.—St. Louis Globe

## OUR MAIL POUCH.

A Reference Library Needed.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: One of the crying needs of these cities for years past has been a good reference library. I well remember, when a few years ago I undertook to conduct some special researches in connection with the study of entomology, how I made search everywhere in the public and private libraries of these two great towns for some books which I needed, and how I at last discovered with sinking of heart that nowhere in Allegheny county was there to be found a single book treating of the subject I wished to investigate, and how accordingly one bright mornrate, and now accordingly one bright morning I took a train and went over to Philadelphia to find out the ten or twelve facts which I desired to know, and which I speedly ascertained at the library of the Academy of Natural Sciences—that splendid institution about which cluster some of the noblest scientific traditions of the land.

We seem, however, to be upon the verge We seem, however, to be upon the verge of a new and better development in this community. It was my privilege a few days ago to spend a little time with the accomplished librarian of the Carnegie Free Library in Allegheny, and to be allowed to look over the treasures which have been recently acquired for that institution through the kindness of Mr. Henry Phipps, Jr.

A Beginning Has Been Made, The gift of \$10,000 which he made for the purchase of books of reference has ap-parently been most judiclously expended, No department of scientific and artistic study and none of the various trades and handicrafts pursued in the community have been overlooked in the selection. My eye ranged with pleasure from a splendid set of the "Transactions and Proceedings of the Linnean Society of London," a veritable quarry of information for the student of botany and zoology, to a handsomely illus-trated work upon French household art, which must in the end prove an inspiration to every uphoisterer and decorator in Alle-cheny.

gheny.

It pleased me especially to see to what an extent the wants of the intelligent artisans of the community have been met in the selection. True to the democratic impulses of the community, the committee in charge has made the laboring man come in for the lion's share of the literary spoils which have been extracted. the lion's share of the literary spoils which have been gathered. As a matter of course, there are a multitude of books which might be named which are indispensable to the complete mastery of any subject. This fine array of books represents the mere beginning of a standard collection. Nevertheless, as a beginning it is altogether admirable. The doors of knowledge have been opened widely enough to admit of a partial entrance to those who may desire to acquire learning, and no one in this community need remain in total ignorance of any subject through lack of the proper literary apparatus.

The Way Cleared for Further Progress.

The Way Cleared for Further Progress. The citizens of Allegheny, and indeed of the entire western half of the State are to be congratulated upon the good beginning which has been made, and it is to be most which has been made, and it is to be most devoutly hoped that now that the way has been partially cleared for further mental and scientific progress among the reading classes of the community, the authorities of the city of Allegheny will follow up the work in the broad and enlightened spirit in which it has been conceived, and will not allow any narrow or inise considerations to have weight in determining their policy as to the library.

to the library.
It is with great regret that the friends of It is with great regret that the friends of the masses, who are eager to avail themselves of the opportunity to promote their mental growth, have learned that the Finance Committee of the Allegheny Councils has seen fit to reduce the appropriation for books this year to nearly one half of that which was made last year. It may not yet be too late for them to reconsider this action. In this connection it may not be out of place to observe that the Carnegie Free Library in Allegheny is realizing to the eye of a casual observer all that the fondest hopes might cherish in regard to such an institution. It is decidedly popular.

Patronized By the Younger People.

Not one of the least interesting sights to me upon the occasion of the recent visit was the swarm of bright-eyed and intelligent young people in homely garb gathered about the clerk's desk patiently waiting to be served, cierk's desk patiently waiting to be served, and among them some of maturer years, whose thoughtful faces showed that they were imbued alike with respect for the place and the opportunities of culture which it affords. At times, I am told, there are as many as 70 and 80 persons at one time crowded about the desk, coming like bees to gather the sweets of learning which have been put at their disposal by generous hands. Since the library was opened, a little more than a year ago, 75,000 volumes have been read.

As there are only about 20,000 volumes in the library, this means that upon an average

the library, this means that upon an average each book in the collection has been read nearly four times during the past twelvemonth. There are 5,000 regular holders of
cards, entitling the bearer to withdraw books
for private perusal, and there are nearly
10,000 persons who regularly resort to the
library to read or study. This is truly a
wonderful showing for an institution yet in
its infancy, and speaks volumes for the intelligence of the mass of the community. I
trust that you will pardon me for intruding
upon your valuable space to the extent to
which I have done, but the pleasure I have
derived as a triend of learning from my recent visit to the institution, and the deep
interest I take in all things reading to the
social and intellectual life of the community
must be 'my justification. I am, very truly
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Chancellor Western University of Pennsylvania. nearly four times during the past twelve-

vania. Pittsburg, January 19.

# LURED BY THE LIGHT.

Geese Dash Themselves to Death Against the Tall Poles.

HUTCHINSON, KAN. Jan. 19. - The salt marshes which extend for several miles in each direction north of the city are the favorite resort of thousands of wild geese every season, as they apparently find certain food substances there which suit their tastes. Some time ago this city concluded to use the electric light for the streets, and some of the lamps were placed high above the buildings so that they could cast their light to great distances. These lamps can be seen for miles from the city, and have been the guide of all the men who have been belated among the marshes.

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The policeman on the beat was startled several nights ago, when standing under the light, to have some heavy body dash down at his feet, barely missing his head. As he stooped to see what it was he was knocked flat by some heavy body striking him squarely on the back. When he recovered sufficiently from his fright to gather himself together he found he had been hit by a wild goose. During that night four of the wild goose. During that night four of the wild fowls were killed by being dashed to death against the poles, and for several nights thereafter more were killed. The policeman who made the discovery took the geese as part of the perquisites of his office and re-galed his family and friends upon the game

## PITTSBURG'S SMORY AIR.

Hope Is Expressed That Mr. Carnegie's Opinion Is Correct.

Philadelphia Inquirer.]

Mr. Andrew Carnegie thinks that if the use of bituminous coal 'were prohibited in the mills and glass houses of Pittsburg the smoke nuisance would be abolished. He has advanced the view that coke or gas made from the coal could be used as cheaply as the coal, and, therefore, that the use coal ought to be stopped. Mr. Andrew Metcalf replies to Mr. Carnegie by saying that if the advice of the latter were carried out the

mill owners would be ruined. He says that Pittsburg can be made a smokeless city, but when it becomes so there will be no iron works, no glass works and no mechanics there. We hope that Mr. Carnegie is right and Mr. Metcalf wrong, that some way will be discovered, either by the use of gas from coal or by some other method, to relieve Pittsburg of the smoke nuisance which has again settled upon it.

## A LUCKY FIND OF MONEY.

Boys Unearth \$4,000 Near a Tree Where Man Was Lynched. Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—Considerable ex-

citement has been occasioned near Bedford, this State, by the finding of \$4,000 in greenthis State, by the finding of \$4,000 in green-backs, at the roots of a tree on which Stephen Clark was langed by a mob several years ago. It was supposed that Clark had hidden large sums of money, and the boys in the neighborhood have from time to time gone searching for it. Last night Clark's widow was awakened by the light of a lantern under a tree in her yard, and discovered some boys at work with a pick.

They dug about two feet into the ground and found an old coat. After unrolling it, they discovered a revolver, some counterfeiting moulds, and \$4,00 in greenbacks. Clark was hanged on the same tree, and after his death the remains of five men and one woman were found in a cave near his home. They are believed to have been murdered by him. appropriations. The people have rights to

## PAINTINGS BY POSING.

School of Design Girls Group Themselves to Represent Famous Paintings-A Dainty Social Menu to Tempt the Most Fastidious Appetites-What's What.

A LARGE audience greeted the performince last night by the Amateur Art Association for the benefit of the association's library; the library and association being a part of the Pittsburg School of Design for women. The nature of the entertainment was in keeping with the artistic tastes of was in keeping with the artistic tastes of the young ladies; being reproductions in the form of tableaux of famous paintings. It was really a surprise even to friends who usually are too generously inclined, the success with which the tableaux were arranged, and with what harmony it all went off, when hitches might be so naturally expected and so willingly excused. Though it is conceding much, there is no doubt that the School of Design never surpassed in any of its previous entertainments, the one of last night. The Club Theater was filled to the utmost. to the utmost,

UNDER the title of floral vulgarity, respect was paid in the newspapers lately to those florists who rather exhibit the sense of the artisan than that of the artist. The designs illustrated: a wagon filled with beer barrels, and a corset with a wreath above it, constructed by some "inspired" artisan to serve as appropriate emblems at the funerals of a brewer and a manufacturer of corsets, or a brewer and a manufacturer of corsets, were truly awful. Another design illustrated was "The Market Woman of Hamburg," about which, after noting the outrageous caricature of the human form, we are told that the eyes were black shoe buttons. Florists who have been interviewed regarding these monstrosities, declare that they do not indorse such things, but are, under protest, obliged to meet a demand for them. The thing resolves itself down to a first eggrist, chicken principle, and the problem re-

first, chicken principle, and the problem remains whether the public or the florist invented the present monstrons application of flowers at funerals and other decorations. IT is to be hoped that there may be yet another improvement at the Pittsburg Club Theater, which will make it in reality what it is in name. It is said to have one of the prettiest as well as most excellent stages, sed solely for amateur purposes, to be found in any part of the country; but, unfortunately, with the stage the club theater's usefulness ends for that sort of entertainment. It is impossible, excepting in the very front rows, to see with any degree of comfort, as visitors to the Tuesday nights club performances will bear witness. What is required is a double floor; a level one for dancing and another rising as it does in a theater either by steps or at an angle of inclination. A part of the audience at the dramatic performance of the Western University Club must have found their tempers and their necks both pained by the undue strain on each. found in any part of the country; but, un-

SINCE the tendency of the town is largely astward, the time must come when the thickly populated East End will find itself far from liberally supplied with places of diversion. It is said that at present even a theater is wanted in the East End, but as such a project would be born at least five years too soon, it could scarcely be other than an unwelcome child that would be harshly dealt with at best. Besides, people will have to get educated out of the notion that they must always seek their amusement not more than a stone's throw from the postoffice before a theater would be popular in the East End. The Linden Club and the Kenmawr Hotel sowed the seed of a sentiment which the Carnegie Library will mature and the talked-of theater finally ripen. The day is not a leng way off when people will as naturally go to the East End to see a grand opera as they do now on Sunday evening to hear Dr. Hodges or Dr. Kumler. diversion. It is said that at present even a

"READER" writes to THE DISPATCH saying: Will you kindly inform me through your columns where the Fruit and Flower Mission meets? The question is apropos, since it opens a way to mention specially a colonial tea for the mission, the headquar-ters of which are established at 57 Fourth eres of which are established at 57 Fourth avenue. This tea, a very popular fad in the East, the nature of which the title describes, will be given on Friday at the home of Miss Tindle, than whom the Mission had no more loving nor more valuable friend. There is much need for generosity from friends, and it is commended to "Reader" as one of the most delightful of the many methods in this much blessed city for cheering the sick and needy. needy.

## Social Chatter.

THE Young People's Society of the Second Presbyterian Church, Wilkinsburg, will next Thursday evening at the residence of the Misses Addie and Lizzie Bole, Hay the Misses Addie and Lizzie Bole, Hay street. The society is composed of a bright lot of young folks, and their monthly gatherings at the homes of the different members were originated by Rev. J. R. Bur-netr, their pastor, for the purpose of creat-ing a broader spirit of hospitality.

MR. TACKER'S house, on Wallace street, Wilkinsburg, will be transformed into a sort of "aliaway kirk" on next Monday evening; a quite suitable coincidence with Robert Burns' birthday "nniversary. Mr. Tacker's young iriends have arranged a phantom party, at which sheets and pillow cases will be in great demand and at the same time a great deal of fun indulged in.

A SLEIGHING party was given by Miss Alice Bowman, of Brushton, last evening for her guest, Miss Lottle Kerr, of Ottawa, Canada. Two double sleighs were occupied by the party and the ride included a trip to Browns-ville and back.

As enjoyable enchre party was given last night by the Misses Failey at their nome on Hay street, Wilkinsburg. Four tables were in use from 8 to 11, after which the young ladies of the party served luncheon.

THURSDAY, January 28, is announced as the date of an atternoon reception for Mr. and Mrs. James Neal, to be given at the Hotel Kenmawr. Mrs. Hurd issues the invitations. The nurses' dormitories built by Mrs. Henry Phipps, Jr., as an annex to the West Penn Hospital-will be opened formally to the public on Friday evening, January 29. ERRONEOUSLY announced for the 23rd, Miss Oline Jones' dance will take place on Thurs-day evening, 21st. The cards of Mr. Jesse Jones accompany those of his sister.

"A Proper System of Taxation for Penn-sylvann" was discussed last night by the Junta Club at the residence of Mr. Day, one of its members. Miss Any Davies and Mr. Cuthbert were married last night at 7:30 in the evening at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

MES CHRISTY, of Washington avenue, Mansfield, entertains friends by a dance on Thursday evening.

THE usual hop, combined with a musicale, will be given at the Hotel Kenmawr on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Blair gives a luncheon on Thursday afternoon at her house in Western avenue.

Mrs. D. T. Warson has issued invitations for luncheon on Thursday at 1 o'cloc' THE engagement is announced of Miss Olive Atwell and C. L. Netting, Jr. Miss Neepen, of Howe street, gave a small dance last night.

#### STRANGE MIRAGE IN THE BOCKIES. It Has Started an Indian Scare Among the Montana People.

BUTTE, Mon, Jan. 19.-A wonderful mira was distinctly visible near Lewiston, Mon. on Sunday afternoon. It has caused considerable slarm, however, because it seems to show that the Indians have started on the warpath and encountered a party of hunters. Through the vistas lunters and red men could be seen repeatedly to charge and re-treat. The Indians were apparently well supplied with amunition and finally suc-ceeded in capturing a party of a dozen

ceeded in capturing a party of a tozen hunters.

Those who witnessed the wonderful scenic effect produced by the mirage assert that they could distinctly see the savages build piles of lagots and burn their captives at the stake. Midwinter mirages in the clear crisp atmosphere of the Rockies are rare. So far as can yet be ascertained the Indians on the reservation are penceable, and it is hard to tell whether the mirage or the people who witnessed it did the lying.

Flower's Interest in His Coat-of-Arms New York Advertiser.1 Governor Flower sent no message of condolence to Sandringham Palace, which

shows how very little interest he takes in

his cont-of-arms. It Is Doing a Rushing Business. New York Press.] It may be remarked that whether or not

the grip is of Russian origin it is doing a rushing business. A Chance for Senstor Hill.

Chicago Inter-Occan. 1 The death of the late Mahdi left upward of 40 widows. There is the chance for Senator

# CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Over 300,000 orange trees were planted in Mexico last year by planters from Call

-School teachers in England's country

districts get the munificent sum of 5 shi -A sign in a store in Tremont street, Boston, reads: "Fresh Eggs, 28 cents; Strict-ly Fresh Eggs, 35 cents."

-It has been proposed to put jinrikshas, the Japanese sedan chairs on wheels, drawn by men, in the streets of London.

—The house dog in Egypt was a domestic, working at his trade, only his trade was one in which we have ceased to employ him. -Michigan turned out 5,940,000 barrels of

alt last year. There are 113 firms in the State engaged in the manufacture of salt -A ricochet shot from the new magazine rifle adopted in England broke a cottage window four miles distant from the firing

-The mud is so deep at Topeka, Kan. that it became necessary to detail an ele-phant to lift one of the circus wagons out of the mire at that place the other day.

-To procure rain, the Peruvians used to set a black sheep in a field, pour chicha (a beverage made of sugar and moinsses) over it and give it nothing to eat till min fell. -It is said that Canada is the only coun-

try in the world in which the military force is armed with the old Suider rifles. Military men in the Dominion are urging the adopion of a more modern arm. -According to the figures of Prof. W. J. McGee, it is only a question of time when

the slow but never-ceasing inroads of the ocean will engulf many populous cities of the Atlantic seaboard, and perhaps whole -The color of the Botocudos of Brazil is a light yellowish brown. It has been said

that they are capable of blushing occasionally, which would seem to be an accomplishment worth having, inasmuch as both sexes commonly go stark maked. -Up to a comparatively recent period the corpses of rich or distinguished persons among the Indians of the northwest coast were eviscerated, dried, placed in wrappings of fur and grass matting and suspended above ground in some convenient rock

-There is a new wind instrument, the 'nedal clarionet." It is an octave below the bass clarionet, and produces the lowest notes obtained by any instrument except the orian. With a range of three octaves it has a much pleasanter tone than the double bassoon. -Good peat in Germany furnishes a cel-

Inlose which is valuable to paper makers. Besides serving as a wholesome litter for live stock, it is also used to preserve perish-able goods. Ment and fish are now packed in peat litter for transport between Trisste-and Copenhagen. -If all the locomotives in the United States were coupled together they would make a train of solid iron and steel over 300

miles long. Add the passenger cars and we would have 300 miles more of wood und from this would give us a gigantic passenger train 600 miles in length, counting both engines and cars. -The Botocudos, of Brazil, are partienarly fond of the flesh of monkeys, but they also subsist upon ant enters, alligators and also subsist upon ant enters, ampaired and bon constrictors. Fish they usually shoot with small bows, which they use with great dexterity; but sometimes they use a poison-ous root, which, put into the water, soon brings the fish to the surface.

-It is said that when Alario, the Conmeror of Rome, died that "a river was turned aside to make a place in its bed for turned aside to make a place in its oed for his grave, and when he was buried the water was again let into its former channel, and the prisoners who had helped to bury him were killed so that no one might find out where the Conqueror of Rome was buried."

-The progress of death was uniquely reported by the dying Dr. Richet to his son, a ported by the dying Dr. Richet to his son, a professor of physiology, and his physician. As his end approached he carefully described to them every preceptible sensation. At the moment when they observed unmistakable signs of immediate dissolution, he surprised them by saying, "You see I am dying."

-The Santee Indians of South Carolina are said to have preserved the remains of their dead by removing the flesh from the bones and keeping the latter carefully in a wooden box, every year oiling and cleans them. Thus they conserved them centuries, so that a savage might, perhaps possess the skeletons of his progenitors for

number of generations. -A Yorkshire vicar once received the following notice regarding a marriage from a pavisa nouse: "This is to give you notis that I and Miss Jemima Arabella Brearly is comin' to your church on Saturday after-noon nex', to undergo the operation of mat-rimony at your hands. Please be promp', as the cao is hired by the hour." The "opera-tion" was performed in due course, "This is to give you notis

-Famine and nihilism notwithstanding, Russia seems to be the land in which human life reaches its greatest length. During the year 1891, 858 persons died in the land of the Car who were between the ages of 100 and 185; 180 who had reached ages between 115 and 120 also succumbed, while three were re-ported to the authorities as having died after living to be 150 years or more of age.

-Among the curious taxes levied on trades-people in Corea, according to Colonel Rockhill, was one on sorceresses arriving at Rockhill, was one on sorceresses arriving at the capital, where they had to pay the Board of Revenue a certain number of logs or sticks of wood, for what purpose it is not said, but certainly not to burn them with later on, for they are an influential class in the community. The tax is no longer levied.

-In Grass Valley, Cal., is a quarry of one of the most remarkable and valuable build-ing stones known to the Pacific Coast, ing stones known to the racine coast.

It is unlimited in quantity, cropping out of the surface like an immense ledge, traceable for a long distance.

It is so soft just underneath the surface of the ground that if can be cut with a knife, cuipped with a hatchet, or planed with a carpenter's plane.

-A new cause has arisen for a lawsuit. A woman in France was notified by the authorities of a lunatic ssylum of her brother's death. She went to the funeral, and ordered a handsome tombstone. Her mother was so grieved at her son's death that the plaintiff had to give up her situa-tion to take care of her. Then she learned that the directors of the asyium had made a mistake, and that her brother was alive. After unsuccessful efforts for compensation she has gone to the court, claiming heavy damages for grief and injury. and ordered a handsome tombstone. Her

## VEINLETS OF HUMOR,

"Seems to me I smell rags burning," observed one of the ladies in the waiting room of "Yes'm," cheerfully spoke up Rusty Bufus, who had come in ahead of the train and taken up a position on the other side of the hot stove. "It's me."—Chicago Tribune. The clock struck twelve, he said "Good-

night!"
"Goodnight, my dear," said she Then to the door the pair adjourned

And parted just at three, -New York Berald, Funniman-Young Dudel's body has been

'Why, I didn't know he had been drowned." "He hasn't. He has merely bought a new suit of lothes."-Puck, "Margaret!" said a 5-year-old girl to one

"Don't put your feet on the lungs of the chair."

Since critics first began to sneer At failties human, It has been held a secret no'er Was kept by woman, But this the sex can quite despise

And coolly mack it.

One secret's theirs which search defice—
It is a pocket, —Boston Courier. Miss Gotrox-I just wish I could make him real, downright jealous once.

Miss Flyppe—Tell him you are going to leave your money all to charty.—Indianapolis fourmat.

Bjones-Is Bjohnson doing well in busi-Bjenks-Weil, that depends on the way you look at it. All I know is that if I had as much money as Bjohnson owes, I should be a rich man. - So et Journal.

For always having the last word Woman should not be cursed,
For ere her busy tongue and stirred
Man plainly had the first.

New York Herald.

Husband-What did you do with that ten tollar bill you took out of my pocket?

Wife—It's where you'll never find it.

Husband—Where's that?

Wife—In my pocket.—New York Press.