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# CITY ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES.

Commenting upon the increase of valuations, THE DISPATCH has urged, as the only practical way of ensuring that it . do not increase the tax-draft upon citizens' pockets, voters insist upon pledges from Councilmen to reduce the millage in proportion as the aggregate of valuation may be increased. Our cotemporary, the Leader, which, while honest in its purposes, is sometimes inaccurate in its perceptions and hasty in its conclusions, is not satisfied with this. It thinks nothing can be had by pledging Councilmen and Councilmanic candidates now, and that indiscriminate berating of the Assessors will best check the tendency to municipal extravagance.

If our cotemporary can point out any better plan than THE DISPATCH urges -that of limiting the appropriations to last year's schedule, and insisting upon reducing the millage by as much as the aggregate of valuation is larger than last year's aggregate-we will be glad to accept and push the amendment. But it is hardly necessary to say that it is in Councils the spending power lies; that by them, if at all, retrenchment must be con- Valparniso riot. Whether the conflict besidered; and that unless public opinion is brought to bear upon Councils, upon can- the Chilean Government to any degree didates and setting Councilmen-the most immediate and effective means of keep- the riot or took part in it. On this quesing down the taxes is lost sight of. In tion there is an issue of fact. One conshort, it is the function of Councils to say what the gross sum of city expenditures investigation of the Chilean courts; anis to be; and the function of the Assessors other as the result of naval investigations. is simply the distribution of this burden Both are to a certain degree ex parte; but upon individual taxpayers according to the value of their holdings. Suppose Councils increase the appropriations-will not the taxpayers have to put their hands | laid down as a rule of international law in their pockets to meet the increase, regardless of the general scale of the valustions?

Extravagant, unnecessary and wasteful expenditures must be fought. Items must be scrutinized and a limit set to city ex- attempts to suppress the fact, it is a vital penditures. This implies immediate communication by taxpayers with their sit- | Government, while disclaiming responting Councilman and with Councilmanic sibility, have from the first promised full candidates. To do this does not imply investigation and punishment of the guilty exorbitant valuations. While neglect of

sarily alienated or paralyzed. It is to be tics and intended to run for Congress. hoped that all interested will take to mind But with this exhibition of his ability to the responsibilities of the situation; that grasp the salient points of an international Large Crowds Gather in the Chambers of neither bad feeling nor bad counsel will issue, the least that the war party can do prompt any violation of the now pro- is to nominate him for President claimed law, whose decrees must be respected at all hazard of temper or interest. In a suit going on between two stars of It seems necessary to call attention to the first and perhaps the third magnitude, this phase of the case rather more in respect to the crowds which gather in Al- | in the planetary system of stock manipulation, Mr. John W. Mackay and Mr. Edwin legheny to express sympathy for the S. Stokes, an important principle was in-

strikers than in regard to the strikers themselves. It is usually the sympathizers who overstep the law: and most generally they and the cause they sympathize with are they sufferers in consequence.

THE QUESTION OF WAR.

rectly to Wall street operators, but it has The President has sent in his message to an equal value for the general public. Congress, which amounts to a practical The only sure way to beat tacticians of declaration of his position on the war platthe Gould stamp is to let them alone. form. This is shown not only by the Gould's success in amassing unnumbered tenor of the text, but in the very fact of millions has been due to the fact that he its having been sent; a message on the subcould always find victims who imagined ject having been foreshadowed as to come that they could play successfully at the only if it were deemed necessary to ask game of Wall street with the other side for the action of Congress, and the only holding the loaded dice. When the public makes up its mind to let Gould and all positive action which Congress can take in the matter is a declaration of war. his so-called securities severely alone, Mr. The considerations advanced by Gould's game as a Wall street manipulator President as requiring the nation to take will be completely beaten. this grave step can be more fully learned The rule applies to others than Gould. by reading his message than by a summary

leave him alone."

Wherever there is a corporation stock, or here. With some of his positions there is the certificates of a combination of corlittle fault to find, but as a means of porations, under the control of one or a judging the final correctness of the result, clique of operators, the only way to get it is well to study the whole history of the the better of them is indicated by Mackcase. The documents accompanying the ay's apothegm. We violate no confidence message, it must be remembered, give in the assertion that the outsiders who only the side of the case presented by repthought they could bet successfully on resentatives of the United States who mining stocks in the days when John W. have already been shown to have sup-Mackay and his partners ruled the Virpressed and misrepresented important ginia City bonanza found themselves at factors in the chain of events; but even the end with a large stock of experience that ex parts statement does not conceal and with the money in the hands of the some important facts. To begin at the bonanza quadrilateral. beginning, it is shown that during the war

HOW TO BEAT THEM.

which he gave the sage advice to Stokes

The advice was intended to apply di-

Mr. Mackay's rule is indisputable; but for representative government, Mr. Egan, the most convincing demonstration of it is in the language of the telegraphic sumthe manner in which the fleecing of the mary, "had an abiding faith in the ultilambs has been carried on until there are mate triumph of Balmaceda over his eneno more left to support Wall street with mies" and the downfail of the insurgent their innocence. cause; Admiral McCann declared that

### THE INTERNATIONAL PROPOSITION.

"Balmaceda is the master of the situation;" and on June 12, while negotiating There is no possible objection to the with Senor Errazuriz, the Congressionalist proposition to invite the European Govleader, artlessly aided the mediatory negoernments to a needed conference on the tiation by telling the Congressionalists silver question. Although there is little that "the Government at Santiago cannot chance of the invitation being accepted it be disturbed." After these displays by is properly within the policy of the United the representatives of the United States, States to frequently intimate to Europe is it any wonder that the Congressionalists that this country is ready to join in an

took the opportunity to show that the international conference for the purpose Government at Santiago could be disof restoring the monetary function to turbed, and did not entertain especially silver. friendly sentiments to the United States? The great mass of the people of the This unfriendly feeling on the part of United States believe that silver should be the populace undoubtedly produced the used as money. The legislation of the Government is based on that conviction,

and while there is the widest possible difference of opinion as to the basis on which silver coinage should rest, it is an attitude which we can well adopt as a nation that we are in favor of an international agreement to restore silver on a conservative and stable basis. But to entertain the idea of a ratio of

1514 to 1 as between silver and gold when the ratio of bullion value is over 20 to 1 is simply to condemn the project in its inception. If the United States would propose a conference for the rehabilitation of silver on the basis of actual bullion value it would make a strong appeal to the solid sense of the European bimetallists.

ance took place. While there have been It should be clearly understood that true patriotism does not involve the moral sup-port of one's country against one's sense of justice. Were it not for the many state-ments which have recently appeared to the contrary, it would be platitudinarian to as-contrary, it would be platitudinarian to as-contrary, it would be platitudinarian to as-contrary, it would be platitudinarian to as-contrary. It would be platitudinarian to as-then in token of respect for his memory, the senate adjourned till to-morrow. share of the controversy that the Chilean

HOWEVER many enemies he may make,

IF Chile stubbornly refuses to do its duty

# SNIFFING THE BATTLE.

Congress to Listen to the President's Message-Applause Follows Its Reading in Both Branches irrespective of Farty -Animated Scenes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25 .- It was evident at the Senate end of the Capitol today that a large number of American citizens had come to the conclusion that they could "sniff the battle from afar." A great many people felt convinced that war with troduced in the evidence. A letter was Chile was imminent, so they crowded into the produced written by the bonanza king in galleries some time before the Senate assembled. There was little interest taken in the that "the only way to beat Jay Gould is to routine proceedings; everybody was waiting for the message, and no one would be satisfied with anything less.

Some little attention was paid by the ladies in the Democratic reserved gallery to a magnificent floral tribute which adorned the desk of Senator Gibson, of Maryland, and a few strangers amused themselves by guessing who the various Senators were. Bills were introduced and referred, committees reported and other regular business was attended to with that same caimness which is ordinarily in circulation at the northern end of the big building, and which distinguishes the proceedings of the Senate from the proceedings of the House.

# Business Gives Way to the Message

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made a report in the case of Senator Chilton, of Texas, concluding with the resolution that Mr. Chilton is entitled to hold his seat. He said he would not ask action upon it at the present time.

At 12:40 o'clock Secretary Halford entered the chamber, closely follwed by Secretay Pruden. Captain Bassett lost no time in getting to the door, and then the regular order was interrupted by Vice President Morton's announcement that the Senate would receive a message from the House of

would receive a message from the House of Representatives. He instantly corrected himself and said: "The President of the United States." It was but five minutes short of 1 o'clock when the presentation of petitions for the passage of the Torrev bankruptcy bill or the closing of the World's Fair on the Lord's day, came to an end. Then the message was formally laid before the Senate and a minformally laid before the Senate, and a min-ute later Chief Clerk Johnston started to read ute later Chief Clerk Johnston started to read the interesting document. Ordinarily a Presi-dental communication attracts practically no attention and its reading is the signal for S-natorial disappearance to attend to other duties. Things were different to-day. Twen-ty-five Democratic and 46 Republican Sen-ators were in their senats when the reading commenced, and bit one of them moved; that one was Senator Sawyer, and he, that he might hear more distinctly, moved down the center aisle and took possession of a chair alongside Mr. Hayes, the veteran As-sociated Press reporter. There was no break in the general atten-tion paid by Senators. Conversition was

There was no break in the general atten-tion paid by Senators. Conversation was not indulged in at any time, the Democrats being evidently as much interested as the Republicans. No one seemed to regard the matter under consideration as being in any sense political

### Sympathy for a Sallor.

Senators Manderson and Faulkner followed the reading, they having printed copies of the message in their hands. Occasionally a Senator would be moved by a particularly strong point, and would say a word or two of assent to a neighbor. When mention was made of the fact that one sailor tion was made of the fact that one sailor had been dragged along the streets of Val-paraiso with a lasso around his neck, Sema-tor Vest gave involuntary utterance to a sound which was easily construct into an expression of sympathy for the sailor and a demonstration of an anti-Chilean nature. The reading of the message (which is printed in full elsewhere in this issue) was concluded at 1-20 when Mr Sherman (hairs

printed in full elsewhere in this issue) was concluded at 1:20, when Mr. Sherman, Chair-man of the Committee on Foreign Rela-tions, rose and said: "I move, Mr. Presi-dent, that the message and accompanying documents be printed and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. In view of the gravity and importance of the subject matter I do not think it expedient to make any remarks." The motion was agreed to, and 500 addi-

The motion was agreed to, and 500 addi-The motion was arreed to be printed. Mr. Turple, from the Committee on Priv-leges and Elections, reported a resolution in the case of Senator Cali, of Florida, de-claring that Senator duly elected and inw-fully entitled to his seat. Placed on the calendar.

#### HALF AND HALF. PENNSYLVANIA SHUT OUT

### By Polities, From the Vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court Bench.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.-[Special.]-A special dispatch to the Times from Washington 8418:

While the Pennsylvanians in Washington are disposed to make an earnest effort for the appointment of one of their jurists to the vacant judgeship in the Supreme Court of the United States, there is little reason to expect that they can be successful. The Pennsylvanian most likely to be favorably considered by the President, if the appoint ment could go to your State, would be Chie Justice Paxson; but political considerations forbid the appointment of any member of your State Supreme Court, as that would make a vacancy there to be filled by a Demcorat. There is already one judge to be elected next fall in Pennsylvania, and if another of your Supreme judges were trans ferred to the Supreme Court of the United States there would be two to elect, and the people under your Constitution could vote for but one, so that a Democrat would inevitably fill the vacancy. The President is too carefully studying good politics just now to expose himself to criticism by giving the Democrats a Supreme Judge in Penn-sylvania, and it may be accepted as settled that no members of your Supreme Gourt can fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Justice Bradley.

The name of Judge Wilson, of your Com mon Pleas Court, has been frequently dis-cussed as one of the possibilities to succeed Justice Bradley in the Supreme Court of the United States, but everything now points to the rejection of Pennsylvania's claim on tirely. Pennsylvania had the former cuit Judge of your district in Judge McKennan, who has been succeeded by Judge Acheson, another Pennsylvanian, and George M. Dallas will soon be confirmed as the Judge of the new Apellate United States Court for your district, so that Pennsylvania does not present any strong claim for that position; but what is more important than the claims of States is the control of delegates to the next National Convention. President Harrison wants delegates, and he is going to have them if it is possible to obtain them by the use of his natronage, judicial or political.

Harrison has nothing to expect from Pennsylvania whatever, as Quny is entirely master of the situation, and the delegation will be against Harrison under any circum stances. On the other hand, Senator Higgins could deliver Delaware six delegates if the judgeship were given to Spruance, and General Sewell could see Senator Hizgins and go much better by giving him the New Jersey delegation. Sewell wants Judge Green, and was grievously disappointed that Green was not nominated instead of Dallas. This is Sewell's opportunity to command the judge ship, and everything now points to the success of Judge Green. He may be appointed direct to the Supreme Court of the United States, or Judge Acheson, of Pennsylvania, may be transferred to that position and Judge Green transferred to the Circuit Court as Acheson's successor. Such seems to be the situation of the judgeship in Washington to-day, and it is not likely to be changed in any way to improve the chances of Pennsylvanians, outside of the bare possi-bility of Atcheson's transfer to make the

# AN ELECTRICAL BOY.

## He Amuses Himself by Shocking Everything Within His Reach.

place in the circuit for Green.

KIOWA, KAN., Jan. 25.-George Harger, who lives just south of this town, is the father of a 6-year-old boy who is an electrical wonder. The boy has been known as "peculiar" ever since his birth, and those who nursed him when an infant were wont to say that he "made them nervous." His actions and habits were those of all infants, and he has never shown any mental traits different from those usually seen in the average boy His parents and others who are intimately connected with the family, however, say that there has always been something un-

that there has always been something un-canny about him. Whenever the child was taken up from the floor or bed a crackling noise was heard and a slight shock and pricking sensation was felt, similar to that felt when a cut is rubbed on a cold day. The boy can greatly increase the force of the shock by rubbing his feet on the carpet, and after dark the electrical discharge is so strong that sparks are emitted when he strong that sparks are emitted when he slides across the floor and touches a piece of

Dirty Street Cars Cause a Decided Change in the Visiting Costumes of Ladies-A Gay Basque and a Dismal Skirt-Re-

view of a Day's Events. It is said that New York dressmakers are ecoming agitated over the general dreariness in which Pittsburg women now insist upon clothing themselves. There was a day when Pittsburgers were the best customera the metropolitan modiste possessed. They

liked nice things, could buy nice things and did buy nice things. But the-1 had nearly did buy nice things. But the-1 had nearly said natural gas, one gets so accustomed to kick in one direction-cable car and electric car system has so threaded the town that private turnouts are almost en-tirely gone out of fashion. Even for afternoon affairs street cars have to be pat-ronized, and one knows that street cars do not encourage the wearing of daintily col-ored clothes. Consequently dark or spolled dresses are de rigeur, and since the first state is preferable to the second, the relay of drab and sad-colored garments has begun, and the social world seems to have donned something like widow's weeds for the days that are not, long before the present system of transit was born or thought of. What remains of former splendor are the hand-

of transit was born or thought of. What remains of former splendor are the hand-some basques: which are as pretty as ever, and indeed are becoming even more gay as the skirt gets the more demur. This state of affairs was particularly noticeable at Miss Tindle's house on Friday afternoon. A great many young ladies had dropped into the nission tea on the way home from after-noon functions, and nearly every one was observable as wearing a fancy waist with a plain street skirt. If the street cars do not improve there will soon he an end to elegant tollettes in Pittsburg excepting among a very few.

very few.

ONE feels disposed to pat Mr. William Stead on the shoulder, if he would permit approbation to take so familiar a form, on account of a recent article in the Review of Reviews on "Residential clubs for young men and women." The Review describes both by pen and pencil a Kennington Park mansion in process of building for the accommoda

tion of young men who are living in London, away from their families. It is to be got up in a supendously comfortable plan, and also in a more civilized one, since the bachelor occupants are to be permitted to have

visit them their female as well as male relatives. After a good bit of warm commendation the article

of warm commendation the article naturally switches off into an inquiry con-cerning the unsatisfied needs of young women. Some of it is worth quoting: "Gi is need such clubs far more than men. The solitude that oppresses the young man is absolutely nothing compared with the lone-liness which a young girl feels in London or New York, when she has no friends nor home. We would not go across the street to help establish a residential club for young men if its promoters were not piedged to help establish a residential club for young men if its promoters were not piedged to follow it up at once by establishing a similar institution for young women. There are some homes for women but they are strangled by absurd rules. It is absurd to say that young men may come in at any hour of the night, but that young women must be at home at 11 o'clock, or he fined if they stay out after that time. If she cannot be trusted with a latch key neither can he.

"The ordinary objection," the article con-cludes, "of Mrs. Grundy, that if young mem and young women are allowed to mix in common rooms there will be no end of lovemaking, flirtation and the like, may be at making, fliritation and the like, may be ad-mitted. There will be, no doubt, a great deal of fliritation and lovernaking. It would be a soor world in which there was nothing of that kind of thing." Will not the readers of this confess that these are capital days for the sex. When she can carry a latch key, without losing any of her modesty; when she can keep late, necessary hours without having her decency questioned.

# questioned.

A GOOD story, and, at the same time, a true one, is told about the hop at the Kenmawr on Saturday evening. By some mishap, which is not a pun, the misses were sadly deficient in number and the wall sadly deficient in number and the wall-flowers in consequence were all of the gen-tleman species. Every young lady was beset with admirers and everyone drank that cup of happiness, to be a successful belle, to its very sweetest dregs. Fortunate-ly the gentlemen being trained to that stoical calimness and indifference bloomed so gorzeously along the walls of the ball room that one was almost converted into imagining that to be a wall flower was to be a very fine flower indeed.

THE golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hollenbeck, of the Southside, was spent

agreeably at their home last night. The -Two kinds of boring sea snails supplied in ancient times the most famous of all dyes, known as Tyrian purple, which was considfrom participating excepting members of the family and connections, a state of ered too splendid to be worn by any but kings and nobles. One pound of wool dyed

# CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

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## -The value of rolling stock in the Unite States is \$1,500,000,000.

-The great Hemet dam at San Jacint Cal., is the largest dam in the world. -Washington has 466 sawmills with

daily cutting capacity of 8.421,000 feet. -Between 1590 and 1680 3,400 wome vere burned in Scotland for witchcraft.

-The "Philosopher's Stone" was a sut

stance which the ancient alchemists though would change all baser metals to pure gold -The highest railway in the world is the new Alpine road called the Brenzier Rothorn

bahn. It is 7,836 feet high at the summi and is 923 feet higher than the Pilatus rail way. -Coral was made use of by the Roman

as a protection against the evil eye, and por hlar superstition had credited the topa with the power of depriving boiling wate of its heat.

-Brass wire for brushes used by silver smiths and iswelers can be drawn to 3100 of an inch-the diameter of a hair. Th-holes in watch jewels are from 3-1030 tr 12-1000 of an inch.

-Chloride of nitrogen is the most wonder ful, as well as the most powerful, explosive known. For 77 years, from 1811 to 1888, the secret of the composition of this terrible ex plosive was a mystery.

-A Japanese gentleman puts a box out side his door on New Year's Day, with this inscription: "To visitors-I am out. I wish you a happy New Year. N. B.-Please pu your presents into the box."

-San Diego bay is 13 miles long, with an is 27 feet.

-Leap year has always been regarded with awe and superstition by the people o all countries. The peasantry of England affirm that pease and beans grow the wrong way in their pods-that is, the seeds are so contrary to the way they are in ordinary years.

-The speed of the camel when on a jour ney of considerable length rarely exceed three miles an hour, and the swiftest drome daries are rarely known to go faster than a ten mile gait, but this can be kept up for 37 hours in the day and for six or seven days at a time,

-When a little Patagonian is taken with any of the long catalogue of infantile dis cases, which are equally as rumnant in the wilds of the Antipodes as they are among the embryo Presidents and millionaires of the United States, a "devil exterminator" is sent for post-haste.

-The most remarkable set of spoons in Missouri are owned in Richmond. They were made out of Mexican dollars by a tinner named Kalser, the first of his trade in Fulton, who also made the first tin lamp in Callaway county. The spoons, after 50 years of use, are in excellent preservation.

-The burrows which fiddler crabs live in are nearly or quite vertical holes for a foot or more in depth, after which they take a horizontal turn, each ending in a chamber where the occupant stays most of the time when not looking about for food. These queer crustaceans are vegetable feeders.

-It is a curious fact, and one scarcely known outside of Russia (and there hardly ever mentioned), that the famous Orioff dia nond was once the right eye of the great idol Serringham in the Temple of Brahma. This precious gem was stolen at about the beginning of the eighteenth ceatury by a French soldier.

-Everyone knows that it is not safe to eat many peach kernels on account of the large percentage which they contain of that most deadly of poisons, prussic acid. Al-monds also contain prussic acid, but the good kinds have been cultivated so as to make the percentage of the poison as small as possible and their shells as thin as may be.

-The colors of flowers have been shown by the researches of Sprengel, Fritz, Hermann, Millor, Darwin, Lubbock and Wallace to be necessary (or, rather, to have benote to be necessary) for the attraction of cer-tain species of insects by which the pollen may be transferred from the stamens of one flower to the pisils of another and cross-fertilization effected.

which are made to serve as coffins, instead

pointing out, as justice required, the fact that hitherto valuations have often been very much under in place of over "cash | its own mobs. values," and that the Assessors are not to cording to their lights in determining United States Government the following "cash values," THE DISPATCH has by no | expression of feeling: means approved their judgment in all cases. It has pointed out that they have erred undoubtedly in a great number of cases in assuming too high general values in a neighborhood from special sales governed by special motives, and that they make a great mistake in assuming that all the res. idence property and vacant ground in the rural wards could be put upon the market and sold at the prices that at intervals are paid for occasional lots, All 'this will have to be corrected; and if it is not corrected it is the cerned, the frank desire for American corduty which every taxpayer owes to his pocket and to his sense of equity to carry his appeal to the courts. But it is no less the duty of the Assessors to raise manifest under-valuations when they meet such upon their books, and of these there have been many.

Essential as it is for every one who feels that he is imposed upon by an assessment above "cash value" to resist to the end, it is still more important to bring public opinion to bear upon Councils to keep down the city expenses. Now is the opportunity, when the city elections are so close at hand and when men who refuse to pledge themselves can be rejected at the polls. As the taxes fall in the end upon the people who do the voting-not merely upon the real estate owner-it is precisely the business of those who intend to go to the polls to take pains to know beforehand whether they are or are not voting for an increased burden on themselves next year.

In short, it is only by vigorous insistence upon a reduction of millage corresponding to the increase of valuations that any increase of valuation can be deprived of its sting. But in doing this it by no means follows that every raise of valuation which has been made by the Assessors is unjust. There are many cases of over-valuation we feel assured; but it would also doubtless be found that previously there were very many more cases of under-valuation. The over-valuations can and should be brought to court if the Assessors do not on revision give relief. Meanwhile the more imperative duty of looking after the appropriations by Councils presses for attention.

#### THE STRIKE DISTURBANCES.

The proclamation of the Sheriff of the county in the matter of the passenger raflway strike in Allegheny brings the demonstration over there directly within and ought to be wiped off the face of the the vigilance and pale of the law. Every one should understand the line at which manifestations of sympathy, which are hwful, end, and manifestations of disor- only because of the large intelligent conder, violence and riot, which are unlawstatutes to convey this perception to the most ordinary mind. But it will be well the naval contingent which hungers for to remember that between expressing disapproval of the policy of a railway corporsi on, and breaking the peace of the State there is a momentons difference, attended by serious results to those concerned.

On behalf of the best interests of labor, violence in connection with strikes is always to be deplored and in unmistakable terms condemned. With a serious

breaking of the peace public sympathy, no matter how strong previously, is neces- distinguished slugger was going into poli-

arties and have already ca pledge nearer fulfillment than our Governfeeling should invalidate the dictum of the individual conscience. It is patriotic to ment was ever able to do in the case of

tween the sailors and the mob involved

depends on whether the police suppressed

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both sides were represented in the Chilean

courts, and moreover that method of set-

tling the question is exactly what was

by the United States in the New Orleans

affair, namely, that the trial of the case

must be according to the constitutional

forms of the country where the disturb-

Under these circumstances the Chilean be blamed so far as they go honestly ac- Government has formally rendered to the right.

1 have also received special instructions to state to the Government of the United States that the Government of Chile has orous writer. In his article on Tammany feit very sincere regret for the unfortunate in the North American Review he not only says events which occurred in Valparalso on the that institution is devoted to "correct prin-10th of October. Although incidents of this ciples and public usefulness," but he also nature are not rare in ports frequented by states that New York streets are clean. sailors of various nationalities, the fact that deaths and wounds were caused in this disturbance, the zeal with which the Chilean the little man with the big hat, but he never authorities are accustomed to watch over before so clearly demonstrated that a the personal security of all who tread its swelled head necessitated an abnormally territory, the fact that persons employed in large covering. the service of a friendly nation were con A NOTICEABLE feature of the Chilean diality which my Government entertain controversy is the impetus that has been given to the study of South American geoghave led it to cordially deplore the afore said disturbance and to do everything in its nower toward the trul and punishment of raphy. the guilty parties.

It is for Congress to decide whether, after this declaration of "sincere regret" New York delegation in his own interest or and the renewal of the pledge for "the trial in opposition to Mr. Cleveland is someand punishment of the guilty parties," it what redundant in its form of expression. Opposition to Cleveland is in Hill's interis becoming for a great nation to insist on est and Hill's interests are confessedly in making war against a small one, because compatible with Cieveland's. it wants the more abject terms used. We cannot but regard the President's criticism of this language as inspired by there are two things of which no man can the feeling that we must have war with accuse Sockless Jerry Simpson. He is not a fop, and he has no lack of a flow of language Chile, in order to cover the blunders of our Government which caused the incepthat is unique for its picturesqueness tion of the ill-feeling. The attitude of the Chilean Government indicates that a little symptoms prevalent at the Ohio's departure from Philadelphia were as nothing to the toleration and conciliation would win from it an even more positive disavowal rowdvism displayed of late in many news of the riot. papers.

The decision of Congress will doubtless THIS country and Chile have gotten into be made in a few days. It is to be hoped that it will decide against going a pretty pickle between them. But then Chile is always associated with pickles into a costly and, at best, inglorious war, on mere question of language.

If the people of this country are once satisfied that Chile will not make full reparation for any wrongs or insult to our can politicians this might be paraphrased. Government or to our representatives of any grade, there will be a unanimous expression for war; and in any event, if war of their duties to the Nation. is declared, there will be but one feelingbut meantime there are enough features of the case to warrant Congress in making and draws Uncle Sam's fire. Italy may take it into its head to get even with us for that quite sure it is right before going ahead. New Orleans unpleasantness, and then-

### THE WAR PARTY'S LEADER.

well, it will be more interesting. It is pleasant to know that the new po litical forces which have been howling for evidence of pacific inclinations since the war, have got a leader. Mr. John L. Sulsite for the Chilean building at the World's ivan has declared himself, and is now a Fair was approved yesterday. leader of the Jingoes. Mr. Sullivan's platform is built on the lines of the

WAR and rumors of war, and mud and average Jingo editorial, and asserts that rumors of more mud, are respectively the na "them Chileans has done us enough dirt, tional and local topics at present. THE song which has found a leading earth, see!"

place in the President's second term reper-toire is "We don't want to fight, but, by This reinforcement to the ranks of the war party will be a powerful factor, not Jingo, if we do." while Chile's treble wart ling "Call him back again," is hardly heard stituency which Sullivan represents, but at this distance in the din of warlike ful, begin. It needs no exposition of the because it is a distinct accession to the preparation. fighting power of the party. Outside of IT is a remarkable coincidence that in an exact proportion to the increase of mud on the roads is the wonderful precision with promotion and prize-money there has been a dreadful suspicion that the most which the street cars are carried inst be

bloodthirsty members of the war party yond the less muddy crossings. were those who expect other men to do the fighting. Mr. Sullivan's character as a warrior will lend dignity to the belligerent cause and protect it from the been held by the taxpayers. above accusation-at least within Sullivan's hearing.

OUTSIDERS who have any doubts about There have been intimations that the our patriotism are referred to the news in this issue of THE DISPATCH.

The Message in the House,

At precisely noon to-day Speaker Crisp make private opinion give way to an unqualiscended to the chair, and his colleagues, fied support of any national cause to which without regard to party, warmly greeted the Government is irrevocably committed. him as he resumed the reigns of authority but it is no less patriotic before such a posilaid down so long on account of sickness. tion has been reached to agitate for a decis-The Chaplain, in his prayer, feelingly alion which accords with one's own feeling of luded to the death of Justice Bradley. After the approval of the journal and the trans-action of routine business a number of bills MR. CROKER has made his debut as hu-

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were introduced and referred. During the call of States, Mr. Pruden, one of the President's secretaries, appeared at the door of the House and was announced by the assistant doorkeeper. He delivered the message of the Chief Executive relative to the Chilean troubles, and the call having been suspended, the message was immedi-ately laid before the House. The buzz of conversation which usually perades the chamber was instantly hushed, and every member dropped the work upon which he was engaged and became an attentive listener. The spectators in the galleries, too, evidently appreciated the gravity of the situation and there was none of that noise which so frequently interrupts the deliberations of the House. The reading of the message occupied al-most an hour, and when it was concluded there was a general round of applause, BENJAMIN HARRISON is often known as

there was a general round of applause, which was more warm among the Republi-cans, but in which many Democratise arrnestly joined. Then on motion of Mr. Blount, of THE statement that Mr. Hill will use the majority that he is going to secure of the Georgia, the message and accompanying documents were ordered printed and r ferred to the Committee on Foreign Affair After further routine business the Hou adjourned until to-morrow.

# THE ORDER'S SIDE.

A Family Quarrel That May Be Settled by Going to Law.

To the Editor of The Dispatch; In common with other Pittsburg papers, your columns have recently contained tele grams from Johnstown, Pa., referring to the THE whistle-blowing and general noisy arrest of J. A. Lyle, Secretary of the Order of Ohio, on charges of obtaining money on of Ohio, on charges of obtaining money on false pretenses, said false pretenses consist-ing of failure to foan money to certain mem-bers of the order. While published in good faith, these statements are entirely incor-rect and calculated to do the Order of Ohio great injury. It is a fraternal society, man-aged by some of the best men in this city, and is absolutely solvent, being able to pay at any time every dollar collected from the membership and the accrued interest. The simple truth is that sundry persons in Jolinstown demanded loans on bad security, and, when refused, asked that their assess.

IT was once remarked of an Englishman of prominence that "what time he can spare from the adornment of his person he devotes and, when refused, asked that their assess ments be returned. They were required to to the neglect of his duty." To suit Ameriremain in good standing one year, the rule of the order, and, in revence, caused the ar rest of the representative. They will b prosecuted in due course for conspiracy. What time they can spare from the lining of their own pockets they devote to the neglect

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# PERTINENT PERSONALITIES.

THE Czar of Russia never shaves. MRS. RIDER HAGGARD has lately wo three prizes in golfing matches.

Some Chileans, at all events, give every SENATOR GORMAN'has a nabit of reading n bed, no matter how hard a day's work he has performed.

MRS. AUGUSTA EWANS WILSON is about to take a trip to Europe to search for new facts for a novel.

JAMES LOWRIE, who recently died, wove the first American brussels, but he gave it no distinctive name.

BISHOP-ELECT REV. DR. HORSTMAN. f Cleveland, has received the official notice of his election from Rome.

MISS OLIVE RISLEY SEWARD, adopted daughter of W. H. Seward, has become a newspaper correspondent.

COLONEL SOUFFLOT, once in the armies of Napoleon, celebrated the 100th anniver-sary of his birth a few days ago.

MARK TRAFTON preaches to mankind the necessity for eating hearty breakfasts. He says they are a good bulwark against fate.

THE only thing that has been lowered JUDGE HOLMAN, who is over 70, has two since the Assessors finished their work is the esteem in which those officials have favorite expressions. One is, "Oh my, my," and the other, "This will never do: no, it will never do.

> PROP. MICHAELSON, of Clark University, is said to be very handsome and popu-lar. He has a project for using light waves as a standard of measure.

metal. The force of the current see metal. The force of the current seems to be greatly increased for several days before a storm of any kind, and his father now de-clares that he can foretell every change in the weather by watching his boy. The little fellow amuses himself by touching all the doors and cats about the place and the re-sult is that they all flee at his approach. ns to be

TALK OF THE TIMES.

Mr. Springer's leadership in the House seems to be recognized only to the extent that he is nermitted to make the motions to adjourn .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In other words, he has been given the privilege of shutting off some of the windy debates. It is to be hored that he knows exactly the right time to make his motions.

"Searcity of water in Chicago" did not scare Democrats a bit .- Chicago Inter Ocean The scarcer the water the better they like it.

Ex.President Cleveland's Jeffersonia leaning is based upon good ground. The fishing at the Jefferson place in Louisian where he is now enjoying himself, is said to be the finest in the world \_St Louis Post Die patch. Grover's gone a hunting to get a rabbit's paw, to kill the Hill hurrah.

The Mugwumps detest office holding They accept place merely to keep the spoils-men out - Washington Post. But they display a hang-on-activeness that is not quite in ac cordance with their professio

One thing is certain: If there is to be wan Chile won't have much of a navy by the time we get through with her .- New York Recorder No, but she may have a good one by the time we are ready to commence.

There are two rival projects, both good for the improvement of Castle Garden.-New Fork World. Can't someone get up a project to improve the immigrant too?

What has become of Gray, of Indiana, as a Democratic Presidental quantity these days? -Toledo Biade. His boom has been mired on some of the country roads of his native

### CARNEGIE CONTRADICTED.

#### Railroad Superintendent Says the Roads Can Carry All His Armor Plate.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 .- [Special.]-In regard to an interview between Secretary Tracy and Andrew Carnegie, at which the latter said that the difficulty in getting armor in such quantity as the Department desires is due to the inability of the railroads to carry the

the inability of the railroads to carry the heavy burdens in the time expected, and not to the incapacity of the Carnegie plant, General Superintendent Voorhees, of the New York Central Railroad, said to-day: "That is strange. We can carry any num-ber of plates, or anything else, provided the weight does not exceed 60,000 pounds, or 30 tons. In case there is an excess of this, spe-cial cars have to be built, and then there would be delay on the part of the railroads, and they would be to blame for delay in fin-ishing the new monitor Monterey."

Come Up Before the Federal Court at New Orleans, and Bail Is Given.

had whether the trains are moving or NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 25 .- This morning the lottery cases were again called up before the United States Court on the Parkersburg, W United States Court on the Parkersburg, W. Va., indictments. It will be remembered that about a month ago proceedings against the lottery company's officers were sud-denly suspended while the indictments were under consideration. This morning the gentiemen appeared be-fore Judge Billings and agreed to give bond for their appearance in Parkersburg at the next term of court there. Later in the day all the parties included in the indictment gave bail for their appearance. She Drinks a Gallon of Cider and a Lot of

Yosmuns, N. Y., Jan. 25.-[Special.]-Thi morning Lizzie Shiler, a domestic employed in the family of A. Radtke, living near Tuckaboe, drank four quarts of hard cider and a pint and a half of alcohol from an alcoho

# She Is Equal in Some Respects.

# Chicago Times.]

There she refused to get out, and the coachman decided to drive her to the police station in Yonkers. When he arrived there the woman was found to be dead. Coroner Mitchiel held an inquest. Three women were hanged in differen States of this enlightened Union last week. Though woman is denied the ballot, her privileges in some respects are identical

with it was worth \$175, the process by which it was extracted being very tedious, and six pounds of dye liquor being required for staining a pound of wool cause and cons Mr. and Mrs. uence. Hollenbeck are well known among the Gor-man residents of Pittaburg; they are the parents of Mrs. C. Bayer and Mrs. Daniel Goetz, the wife of Mr. Goetz of the clerical force of the Duquesne Club. staining a pound of wool. -Many tribes of Indians, even at the present day, bury their dead in hollow locs.

Social Chatter,

REV. DR. HODGES, rector of Calvary Epis-conal Church, lectured last night on "Life in a Medieval Monastery," under the auspices of the East Liberty branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Directory of putting them underground. Sometimes trees are split for this purpose and the two halves are hollowed out to receive the body. It is known that the ancient people of Den-mark were accustomed to employ hollow logs in like manner for mortuary purposes. Men's Christian Association, of Pittsburg As Dr. Hodges cannot be other than inter esting, it is almost superfluous to say that the andience listened with most marked at--Prof. Bragdon, of Laselle Seminary, is authority for these facts: Since the opening tention.

The fourth and lest but one of the serie of the seminary in September up to date 43 oung women have gained 9 pounds or over; of Monday evening dances was given bas nightat the Pittsburg Glub Theater. The patronesses were not inzely represented, some having been forced to withdraw on account of mourning, but the dance was an exceedingly enjoyable one. 1, 14 each; 2, 16; 1, 19; 1, 20; 1, 22, and the record 3, 14 each 2, 16; 1, 16; 1, 20; 1, 20; 1, 20; and the recover breaker has gained 28 pounds in a little over iour months. The featherweight of them all weighs 31 pounds, the heaviest plump 167, and they are the healthiest set of girls in all New England.

MRS. T. LATEROP, a noted temperance speaker, has been engaged by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Wilkins-burg to deliver two lectures in that town next Saturday and Sunday evenings. -A most extraordinary guard takes up its quarters inside the Bank of England every evening at 7 o'clock all the year round, remaining there until 7 o'clock the next morning. Itls an officer's guard, and con-

THE Women's Press Club will serve mid-night luncheon to the editorial and reportorial staffs of the morning papers to-nigh at the First Methodist Protestant Church of Fifth avenue.

morning. It is an officer's guard, and con-sists of a drummer, two sergeants and 30 men, all well armed. Each man receives a shifting from the bank authorities immedi-ately upon his arrival, a secant's abare be-ing two shiftings. The officer is allowed a supper for two and three bottles of wine and is permitted to invite a friend if he sees fit to do so. WEDNESDAY will bring with it the usual forinightly evening entertainment of the Unitarian Church of Pittsburg, at its place of worship in the old University building. o do so. -In some of the Malay Islands, the cocoa-

MISS SHERLOCE, of Cincinnati, who is visit-ing Mrs. J. M. Schoonmaker, is being made the recipient of many social affairs in Pittsnut is obtained in a curious manner. An enormous crab is found there that lives on urg. the fruit, climbing the trees and tearing the Tag Chautauqua Circle of Wilkineburg with entertained last night by Mr. S. R. Wills, nuts off, either horling them down, or breaknuts oil, either norling them down, or break-ing them by tearing off the husk and then beating them against the rocks with its huge claws. The husk that the crabs take from the fruit they carry to their holes at the foot of the trees and make a bed of it; and, knowing this, the Malays visit and rob the crabs once or twice a year, using the husks to weave into mats. of Penn avenue, with music and readings. THE Epworth League of the Wilkinsburg M. E. Church will entertain its friends this evening in Balston's Hall.

FAST ELECTRICAL TRAINS.

which are on the same section will have tel-

A WOMAN'S LAST GOOD TIME

Alcohol and Then Dies.

# They Will Be Bunning From St. Louis to

BLITHESOME TRIFLES. Chicago in a Short Time. Adolphus-I want you to know, Ethel, Louis, Jan. 25 .- A company has just that my father is well disposed toward me, and will certainly give me a good send-off. been incorporated in Springfield, Ill., for the purpose of building an electric road Eahel-That's just what pa has given every suitor to Chicago. Among those intermine that he's found here after 10 P. M.-B ested are Governor Francis, Congressman S Courier. W. Cobb, John W. Harrison, I. G. W. Stend-When vapors rise and never pause, man, Web M. Samuel, E. S. Rowce, William And microbes gather everywhere, H. Thompson, President of the Bank of Commerce; Dr. Wellington Adams, the in-In minor sighs the breeze because It is a melancholy air. ventor of the first successful electric motor and John P. Kaiser. They represent several "What would you do if I gave yous little million dollars. The company proposes to build a double track road, as straight as an kitten?" asked Tommy's neighbor. "Nothin'," replied Tommy; we've aiready got six at home."-Harper's Young People. arrow, without a curve to it. On this road it is proposed to run electric cars, which De Smythe (at the boarding house)-1 will travel at the rate of 100 miles an hour, ordered dinner an hour ago, and no sign of it yet. I wonder what time it will be when I have swalmaking the distance in two and one-half hours, instead of eight as now. The power station will be at Clinton, Ill, where the company will operate its own coal mine for fuel, using electric drills for mining ma-

Sti bewe Bjones (old boarder)-Not so very late. You see on make up for the length of the wait by the sh as of the eat.-Judge

> Because full well he knew It was a waste of time to drink.

And waste of money, too.

He manfully swore off-The little that he's taking now

-Washington Star

gether like that young Snooper. I wish he didn't come here so often. Has he any expectations? Miss De Bullion-I think he has. He says papa's rating in Studietrief's is AL-Chicago Tribuse.

Customer-So you have discharged the

new man? He was a good shaver. Barber-Yes; he handled the razor with consider-able finesse, but his shampoo rubs lacked technique.

stove. She then went on a rampage, and Mr. Radtks, to provent the entire destruc-tion of his household furniture, paid her her wages and sent her to the railroad station in

for fuel, using electric drills for mining ma-chinery. In time, the entire line is expected to be-come a boulevard, the farmers' houses standing on city lots, while behind them will stretch the wheat fields. The houses will be lighted and heated by electricity and the reapers, mowers and threshers will be driven by chained ithining. An electric block system will be operated and the track will be automatically illuminated a mile ahead are a mile behind each car. Trains which are on the same section will have tel-It did not take him long to think,

With kindling ove and knitted brow

Is just to cure his cough. -New Fork Press.

Mrs. De Bullion-Evelyn, I don't alto-

"What shall I write, what shall it be,

"What shall 1 "" A rondeau of a soune?" "I pray thee, write a check," said she, "To pay for my new bonnet." "To pay for my new bonnet." "Washington Stor. Japeth-Mildred, will you be my wife?

Mildred-Well, not to-day. Japeth-Oh, Mildred, how can you speak so

flippantiy? Mildred-Flippantly? Haw do you suppose i could possibly he your wife to-day? I should want at least two weeks to get ready in .- Beston Courter.

THE PARKERSBURG LOTTERY CASES