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SETTLED AT LAST.

The opinions of the Supreme Court affirming the curative legislation for Pittsburg's street assessments are short and sweet. Thus a knotty affair is settled; and the abutters on the improved streets will have to pay according to the benefits to their property.

This puts the city practically in the same position it occupied before Judge Williams' unsettling decision of more than a year ago. It gives the benefit of some experience and of better methods of procedure in ordering work and making assessments for the future-but substantially it relieves the general taxpayer of the apprehension of having to pay for the several millions of dollars' liability incurred under the acts of 1887 and 1889.

There is one feature of the decision which is specially interesting. It is that which specifies that under the curative acts quantum meriut is to be the basis for assessments for all' past work. That is to say, that the contractor's original contract for the work is merely acceptable as evidence of the cost of improvements, not as conclusive. This means evidently that the parties assessed are privileged in any case to show, if they can, that the work was not worth the amount sought to be charged for it. If this privilege extends to defense in court against the assessments as well as to the hearings before the assessors it may lead to further litigation-but this can simply affect the amount to be recoveredand the fact will in any event remain that whatever is to be paid must be met by the property benefitted.

THE SENATOR'S OPPORTUNITY.

The sentence of the Beaver Court upon the publishers of the Star at that place for libel against Senator Quay-six months' imprisonment and \$600 finewill occur to the general public as pretty sharp. At the same rate of measurement publishers who attacked the Senator the rection.

There is, however, one consideration which may mitigate the punishment. The Now that he is in custody once more it

reputation and honorable affiliations. The of moving bulk freights, like grain, ore intention to tie their representation to the and coal, to one-seventh, one-fifth or even one-third of the present cost, would be so cause of a candidate whose character and record will repel the votes of honest and immense as to almost exceed calculations. self-respecting men all over the country The railways are antagonizing the waterway projects for fear that they would take will evoke a popular storm in the Demoaway business; but the real effect of the cratic ranks that may convert this section cheapness of the fundamental freights of the Hill boom into a boomerang.

It may be well to await developments before being too certain of either the success or defeat of this scheme of conquest. But one thing is certain: the Pennsylvania Democracy has never permitted itself to for waterways which link the lakes and be captured in this way without kicking rivers together and reach the ocean should up the liveliest sort of a shindy first.

A MEMENTO FOR THE VETERANS. their force for the realization of them all. A very worthy suggestion is made in respect to the State Encampment of the G. They should cut themselves loose from the A. R. appointed for this city the latter part of the month. It is eleven years duck pond and logging creek type of river and harbor improvements, but should since the encampment last honored Pittsform a united front in urging the creation burg with its presence; and at the rate the of the national system of waterways at old soldiers are going to their final account, the earliest possible date. the doubt exists whether Pittsburg will, after this event, again have an opportunity of entertaining the encampment. men by twenty-five hundred of the Batte

Old City Hall had a special glory of its

own in the exciting and momentous days of which this younger generation knows only by tradition or by books. There, as the legends upon its walls faithfully record, Pittsburg's patriotic fervor and hospitality provided sustenance for immense numbers of the "boys in blue" on their way to and from the fields of action. No city in the land won a worthier celebrity than did Pittsburg in this respect. Nothing could be more appropriate than that the memory of those stirring times should be renewed by such a banquet to the survivors as is now proposed.

How rapidly time is thinning the ranks of the veterans is shown by the fact that the death rate among the G. A. R. men of Pennsylvania is now 1,200 to 1,800 yearly, while eleven years ago, when the encampment last met here, it was but 400 yearly from a much larger membership. It would be a graceful and fitting thing for the people of this city to act upon the suggestion, to subscribe the amount needed and make the necessary arrangements for a special entertainment at the hall to the twelve or

tifteen hundred veterans who will represent the encampment. Such an occasion within the Old Hall would have a more tender significance than any other courtesy that could be planned.

Mayor Gourley, who always rises to the occasion where the pride of the city is concerned, would doubtless very cheerfully receive subscriptions for the purpose outlined; and if the project is agreed upon, the requisite money would quickly be sent in.

A CHANCE FOR JUSTICE.

The report that Fitzsimmons was cap-It is said in some quarters that Reid music in Paris is to be superseded by the Blair of brazen instruments, but this is probtured in New Orleans yesterday will be welcome news to law-abiding citizens that one of the most desperate and defiant ably nothing more than tinkling brass and criminals of the day cannot laugh at jussounding cymbals. tice and slip through the hands of the law. The organized crimes of Fitzsimmons, ending with the murder of the officer sent to arrest him, were little in unison with the received ideas as to the protection of life Tracy. Charitable people would do better to subscribe money for the expenses of the and property at the close of the nineteenth century. His escape after having been war preparations. captured and lodged in jail was a startling it would require some of the New York | evidence of inefficiency, if no worse, in the the adoption of protective measures by an old country, with centuries of experience on instrumentalities of justice. His recapbalance of their natural lives in prison to ture gives the law a chance to demonstrate explate their offenses in the same di- that crime is not triumphant and that thieves and murderers cannot override and

defv justice with impunity.

DISPATCH. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1892. THE PITTSBURG

LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS.

New Hove to Get Etah Into the States-Horrors of the Russian Famine-Con-sultations on the Scal Fisheries Affair-Confirmations Hung Up for Awhile.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.-The quesion of Utah Statehood is likely to become one of the political issues of the present Congress. Already a bill is pending in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs for the admission of Utah, and to-day Representative Bushnell, of Wisconsin, introduced in the House a resolution stating that Utah has a larger population than the three adjoining

the House a resolution stating that Utah has a larger population than the three adjoining States of Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada com-bined, and declaring as tollows: "WHEREAS, The President, in his last annual message to Congress, substantially recommended that this Territory should still be kept out of the Union until we have satismatory evidence' that after ad-mission they would 'make, enforce and maintain' effective laws against polygamy, because, as a Territory, the have of Congress can reach and purish polygamy there, while as a State they could not do so; and Whereas, Under such a rule, and all the direcumstances and possible contingencies, it is difficult to determine what would be such satisfactory evidence,' or whether the time for the admission of said Territory into the Union would ever arrive; and Whereas, An amendment to the Constitu-tion forever prohibiting polygamy in the United States and empowering Congress to enforce it, would have no longer any reason or excuse for refusing Statehood to this great Territory; and Whereas, Such an amendment would, be-sides, guard the small States adjoin-ing Utah against an innufation from its polygamous minority, who may thus now easily gain control of one or more of them, and so change their Constitutions and laws as to sanction and legalize polygamy there beyond the power of the general Government under our pres-ent Constitution to gainsay, deny or in any manner interfree with; and Whereas, It would seem the part of wis-dom so to deal with this question of polyg-amy as to effectually and finally dispose of it now while yet it may be easily done; therefore, Resolved, By the Senate and House of Kepresentatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled-two-thirds of each House concurring therein-that this Fifty-second Congress hereby proposes to the Legislatures of the several States the following amendment to the Constitution of

goes great and rapid changes. It is the Creede of Colorado, which, owing to a very profitable silver mine, has doubled its popuof each House concurring therein-that this Fifty-second Congress hereby proposes to the Legislatures of the several States the following amendment to the Constitution of these United states, to be known as article 16 of the amendments thereto, to wit: "Sec-tion 1-Polygamy shall never exist within the United states or any place subject to their jurisdiction. Section 2-Congress shall have power to make all needful laws to en-lorce this article and punish its violation." nearly treble it again in three months. It it evident , that this is an exception to the NEARLY all the ministers of Hudson

county, New Jersey, preached on Sunday against the iniquitous management of the Guttenburg race track. But the defiance of the law continues notwithstanding the ef-

Borrors of the Russian Famine.

The horrors of the Russian famine were to-day brought to the attention of the Department of State in a report from Minister Smith at St. Petersburg. He says in part: "Cold as well as hunger causes terrible suffering. In some neighborhoods large num-bers of persons huddle together in some houses most conducive to warmth. Barns have been torn down and the boards used for firewood. Even thatched roofs are torn

have been form down and the boards used for firewood. Even thatched roofs are torm off and the straw made to feed the dying embers; clothing is given away for bread; horses and cattle are sacrificed at a tithe of their value; fodder is as scarce as human food, and in some cases horse flesh has been sacrificed for sustemance. During the win-ter there is no work, and frequently fathers have leit their wives and children to fight the battle of want alone, because they could do nothing and their absence would leave fewer mouths to feed at home. The bread which many are eating is com-posed of wild arrock, potatoes, chaff and leaves, and these terrible conditions inevit-ably produce disease. Within the radius of one mile there are 120 cases of typhus fever, pestilence and hunger are daily gaining ground and postilence is decimating the people. An official estimate of the number, The loss to Russia by the famine is estimated at \$00,000,000. Up to the present time there have been few contributions from abroad, but the Government and the people of Russia are deeply sensible of the spontaneous offers that have been made in various parts of the United States." ish pride will be no help in the settlement of ing Backward".as the utterly impracticable ideas of a visionary Utopian. They will do well to take note of the success which has attended the organization of a co-operative kitchen at Topeka, and moderate their

THE latest proposal of the bellicose New York Recorder is a fund to present three silver statuettes of Riggin, the victim of the Valparaiso mob, to Harrison, Blaine and

Arbitrating the Seal Squabble.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, called at the State Department this morning, in company with the British Bering Sea Commissioners, Sir Baden Powell and Dr. Dawson, who have just arrived in Wash-ington from Canada. They had a confer-

ence with Mr. Blaine, and arranged certain preliminaries of the joint conference to be held between the United States and British NOTHING so clearly indicates the severity of the Russian sufferings as does the alto-gether unprecedented and most significant Commissioners who visited Bering sea last

SUING FOR A MISER'S WEALTH.

Bis Bidden Treasure, Found by a Stranger Is Demanded by His Son.

TIFFIN, O., Feb. 1 .- An important case has been commenced in the Common Pleas Court of this county which revives the finding of of this county which revives the finding of an unknown but large amount of buried treasure by Jacob Schmucker, a farmer resid-ing a few miles south of this city, in April, 1890. Schmucker was agent in this city for a Toledo brewing company, and after saving a few hundred dollars he purchased a farm in Savora tempological for the former tempological form in Seneca township, which for many years had been the home of Samuel Cadwallader, a wealthy and eccentric individual, Cadwallader died in 1885 and soon the farm passed into the hands of strangers, Schmucker purchasing it in 1890. Shortly

after he took possession of the premises, Schmucker commenced repairing the house, and while thus engaged he and an aged Ger-

and while thus engaged he and an aged Ger-man laborer discovered the gold and silver coin which had doubtless been secreted by the elder Cauwallader. The amount of the find has never been made public, but from the stories told by the old German, who "squealed" because he did not receive what he considered a just share of the treasure trove, it is supposed to have been not less than \$20,000. Schmucker used \$4,000 of the money in paving off a mort-gage on the farm and a large amount in im-proving the buildings and iences. Learning of the find, Ira Cadwallader, executed of the will of his father, Samuel Cadwallader, took learl steps to secure the money, and the legal steps to secure the money, and the sheriff found about \$1,200 buried in the gar-den, where Schmucker had secreted it. This money, which consists of old American and foreign gold and silver coin, is still in the hands of the Sheriff, and now the younger hands of the Sheriff, and now the younger Cadwallader has commenced suit to recover the money Schmucker paid in discharging the moreyses. Cadwallader avers that the money was deposited where Schmucker found it by his father for safekeeping, and prays the Court to restore it to its rightful owners. There is little donbt in the minds of the public that the money was secreted by the elder Cadwallader, but the question of proving it may be found just a triffe dif-ficult.

THE PLANETARY EXHIBITION.

Jupiter, Venus and the Sun Well Worth Watching Now.

New York Sun.1

During the past year Jupiter has shown signs of tremendous disturbance in the dense cloudy atmosphere by which it is surrounded, and the fact has been noted that such disturbances upon Jupiter show a tendency to coincidence with the return of

the maximum sun-spot period. Just now the sun is becoming from month to month the scene of more violent activity than it has displayed since 1882 and 1884, and at the same time the great belts and spots upon Jupiter brighten and glow with color, and exhibit changes of wonderful rapidity and variety. We cannot yet precisely interpret the processes of world making which are going on there, but they are intensely interesting to watch.

Venus, too, attracts particular attention inst now, because observations to be made during its present visit to our side of the sun may settle the question that has been raised as to the correctness of Schiaparelli's conclusion, announced less than two years ago, that Venus always keeps one side turned sunward, or makes but one rotation on its axis in the course of a revolution around the sun. If this strange state of things really exists upon a planet whose size entitles it to be called the twin of the earth, so many consequences follow, bearing upon the question of its habitability, that there is hardly any direction in which in-vestigation and discovery could prove more fruitful and interesting. They are in every way a wonderful pair of

planets which now attract all eyes to the sunset sky.

TOOK HIS WORD FOR \$1,000,000.

Deacon White's Wall Street Creditors Hav Great Faith in His Honor.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-[Special.]-S. V. White was formally posted on the New York Stock Exchange to-day as a candidate for read-mission. The committee will vote on the application on Thursday. The terms of Mr. White's settlement with his creditors were made known yesterday. They have no precedent in the history of Wall street.

In a word his New York creditors, repre-senting \$1,000,000, have taken his word to pay up, with interest, as soon as he is able. They have taken his word for \$1,000,000. All have

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. COLLEGIATE BENEFIT.

-The average Southern pine lands cut

15,000 feet of lumber to the acre. -Belgium is the first country to make hypnotizing an offense against the law of the land.

-Germany is par excellence the toyproducing country. There is a toy factory in Silesia which has been going on for 50

-The natives of Costa Rica not only be lieve in mermaids, but pretend to have seen them comb their sea-green hair and try the effects of their coquetry on unwary fisherboys.

-Lady crabs are an important article of ood in the New Orleans market, but it is rarely that they are seen for sale in the

-Die Klag ("the wail") of the Canton Tessin is the wandering spirit of a mother expinting the crime against the life of her child and appalling her hearers with the presentiment of impending evil.

--Of all the creatures that God has made 'under the sun," as Ecclesiastes would say, the most remarkable, as well as the most uscless, is the tuatarra, a species of lizard known to exist only in New Zealand.

-The rate of infant mortality is enormons. In round numbers 5,000,000 bables never live long enough to talk: 5,000,000 more never have a chance to walk or run, and 5,000,000 more never get old enough to go to school school.

-A peculiar animal was captured in Oregon recently. It is not a coon, a polecat, a wildcat or cougar, but it looks like a com-bination of all four. Its teeth are long and sharp and its tail somewhat resembles a hog's ear.

-Thrushes and other birds crush the shells of land snails and extract their julcy bodies, as do also raccoons and wood rats, but woodiand birds will not eat naked smalls, because the slime on them sticks to their beaks and spoils their feathers.

-The most beautiful erabs in the world are procured in the neighborhood of tha Farallone Islands, off the Pacific coast. They are called 'red rock crabs,' and speci-mens sometimes sell in the markets of San Francisco for from \$5 to \$10 each, merely for curiosities.

-- In the Ninth and Tenth centuries the greatest Kings and Princes of Europe all wore wooden shoes; not wooden house in the those worn by some of the Germans, Hol-landers and Frenchmen of to-day, but wooden soles fastened to the feet with leather thongs.

-Twenty-four-carat gold is all gold;22-carat gold has 22 parts of gold, 1 of silver and 1 of copper; 18-carat gold has 18 parts of gold and 3 each of silver and copper; 12-carat gold is half gold and has 314 parts of silver and 834 of copper. Its specific gravity is about 15; pure gold is '9.

-The cutting of hair as a mourning observance is of very great antiquity, and among the ancients whole cities and countries were shaved when a great man died. The Persians not only shave themselves on such occasions, but extend the same process to their domestic animals.

-It is a currous fact that the "Arabian Nights," and "Anderson's Fairy Tales" have been translated into more different lan-guages than any other books, with five ex-ceptions: The Bible, Thomas a Kempis' "Imitation of Christ," "Bobinson Crussee" and the mandlin romance of "Paul and Virginia."

-The head of a cat was once thought to contain a stone that would undoubtedly have been the most wonderful and most de-simble treasure of all, could it only have had a real instead of an imaginary existence, for that man who was so fortunale as to possess this precious stone would have all his wishes granted.

-Up to within a tew years the Indians of Alaska were accustomed to express their Alaska were accustomed to expression grief for the death of any important person-age by numan sacrifices, and the same prac-tice is largely tollowed in some parts of A[±] rica. At the funerals of chiefs of the Florida and Carolina Indians in former times all the wives of the defunct and his male relatives also were slain.

-In the neighborhood of the Bermudns the sea is extremely transparent, so that the fishermen can readily see the horns of lob Inshermen can readily see the horns of the sters protruding from their hiding places in the rocks at considerable depths. To en-tice the crustaceans from these cranples they tie a lot of analis in a ball and dangle them in front of the cautious lobster. When he grabs the ball they hall him up.

-A seam of natural coke, closely re-

Belen E, Pelletreau's Name Will Be Perpetuated by a Scholarship in the Pennsylvania College-The Debutante Will

Be a Social Leader Also-Chat. A NUMBER of young ladies, members of the Alumnie Association of the Pennsyl-vania College for women, whose names are:

Miss Rachel Aiken, Miss Jennie B. Clark, Miss Hillman and Miss Ewing, are arranging a concert, the proceeds of which will be de-voted to the establishing of what shall be known as the Helen E. Pelletreau Scholarship. There is not existing in Pittsburg today, a college similarly endowed, as it is in-tended the Pennsylvania College shall be;

indeed there are not many throughout the United States, though lately Vassar College has been doing a noble work in this direction. Even what is called the Harvard annex has been strangely forgetful of the needs for poor ambitions women, though it does promise reduction of fees, cheap boarding

ouses and other like charity, which cannot be other than galling to the nature of a young woman with aspirations for a college carcer. Too much cannot be done in colleges and among college-bred women-this is an article referring to women's col-leges and women students-for a young women striving for a bigger and better edu-cation. The Government is not interesting itself, so the schools must do if for them-selves. A movement like this in Pittsburg should be heartily welcomed and also en-couraged by all thoughtful people. It is the right thing for the college to do and the only full to be found with the whole affair is that such a step was not taken many vests cannot be other than calling to the nature

that such a step was not taken many years earlier. Miss Marie Decca has been engaged to sing on the occasion of the scholarship benefit, and as she is a very great favorite here will doubtless draw a large andience. We donot presume to say that Miss Decca thought so when she committed matrimony a week ago, but nevertheless this not will not detract when she committee instrimony a week and, but nevertheless this act will not detract from the interest feit in the charming com-tatrice. Mr. Joseph Gittings will be Miss Decen's accompanist, and during her short visit in Pittsirurg Miss Decen will be the guest of Miss Ewing, who is the secretary of the committee in phage of the concert. It will be given in Carnegie Hall on Thureday evening, February II, the entire programme for which appeared in Thig SURDAY Distarca. There is said to be existing some objection to Carnegie Hall, though the na-ture of the objection cannot be an insuper-able one, since people visit their friends every day in that town and don't flad it too far away. If there is another reason let us know it, and Allegheny, doubtless, will en-deavor to do everything to make the co-sasion pass off agreeably.

THE springing into being of what is known as the younger set-made up impart offthis year's debutantes, last year's debutantes and men of several years standing has brought about a new social creation. Matrons no longer are destined to be solely the society leaders, for there is strife among the young fry to acquire similar distinction. It is said to be astonishing how accurate and

It is said to be astonishing how accurate and with what perspicity, the youthful maiden, who a year ago was wrestling with poms asinorum now wrestles with the pros and cons of drawing room success. She knows precisely if she dances with So and So in-stead of So and So, on Monday evening just exactly what her social thermometer will register on Tuesday morning. She is going to be a success, even if it turns her heart into a pincushion full of pina. She will have the best men at her feet; that is the men whose company will bestow upon her the most distinction. There's only one thing the matter with this clever young woman. She is not clever enough to conceal her cleverness, but while she is basy play-ing her little game, unfortunately she shows too openly expressed an abhorence of the games of others. She thinks she is playing the men, but its a smart woman who can pull the wool over the eyes of the male fre-quenter of ballrooms.

THE annual reception at the School of Design for Women, to which the annual ex-amination is anterior, began yesterday afternoon, and was patronized liberally, though not so liberally as other years, by the art loving population of Pittsburg. Naturally there is a good bit of sameness in an exhibi-

THE Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Wilkinsburg will hold its annual meeting this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Switt on Ross street. Officers will be elected for this year.

A DRAMATIC club and literary society has been formed by the young men of St. James' Roman Catholic Church at Wilkinsburg, with the intention of preparing a series of

An unusually delightful concert will be given this evening in the Wilkinsburg Opera House in honor of the 50th birthday of Rev. A. A. Lambing, pastor of St. James' Church.

MRS. J. C. RALSTON, of Wood street, Wil-kinsburg, will leave this week for Kanasa to join her husband, who is visiting there. She will remain two or three weeks.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. C. W. Enight for a parlor entertainment this even-

William Faversham a Benedict.

HILL'S CONVENTION.

To Governor Hill: Don't.-New York World

And Governor Hill immediately did .- Chi-

So Hill's New York Convention is to meet

Pretty Good Peace-Makers.

ntertainments.

there is a good bit of sameness in an exhibi-tion like this one-there always is in schools -but this year, a decided step has been taken, which, since it is largely a feature of the nudal pictures, shows it to be approved by the powers that be. This is the introduction of the human figure; something the School of Design git used of be terribly afraid to attempt, but need be so no longer in the face of the success she has made of the attempt. The entire exhi-bition in all its departments shows the care and faithfulness of the instructors and the painstaking of the pupils, so that in over way the exhibition must be

high officials of Governor Pattison's administration, who furnished the material for the charges against the Senator of implication in the Bardsley business, will probably have enough influence with the Board of Pardons to secure a remission or modification of the penalty.

Or the Senator himself may become magnanimous. Soon, under the genial skies of Florida, angling for the silvery tarpon or listening to the softening strains of the mocking bird among the magnolias. his spirit may rise to that height of philosophy which perceives that where there is vindication there is no need for vindictiveness.

This view, we think, opens up to the Senator his best opportunity in connection with the entire matter.

AN UNCERTAIN EXPENSE.

The estimate is announced that the cost of preparations for war with Chile will amount to about \$2,000,000. This is a mitigation of 33 per cent from the figures given out about a week ago, with an apparent inspiration from the idea that the nation ought not to spend so much good money and let it be wasted without any fighting to show for it. The country can very well afford that sum for preparations to sustain the national honor, and it will be a great deal cheaper than to have had a war. But the fact, that concurrently with this announcement comes the estimate of the Commissioner of Pensions that a maximum of \$160,000,000 annual expenditure for pensions is to be contemplated in the near future, creates a harassing doubt whether there may not be an indefinite expansion of cost on account of the Chilean imbroglio stretching down the vistas of the future. If the belligerents who have been fighting Chile so vigorously for the past three months claim pensions for their cracked throats, there is no telling how much the next generation may have to pay.

BOOM OR BOOMERANG?

Correspondence from Philadelphia to the New York Herald states that all the Democratic Congressmen from Pennsylvania, with one exception, are preparing for united action between the present time and the date of the Democratic State Convention, for the purpose of capturing the delegation against Governor Pattison, with the fact not entirely kept in the background that the ,ultimate significance of this move may be a solid delegation from Pennsylvania in the interest of David B. Hill.

If the movement were only a contest between the opponents of the State administration and its supporters, and even if that movement should draw the lines against Mr. Cleveland, whose cause is nearly identical with that of Pattison, it would not call for much animadversion outside of the politicians immediately concerned in the factional dispute. But if it appears that the movement takes the shape of delivering the Pennsylvania Democracy over to the uses of David B. Hill it is likely to arouse very emphatic protests on the part of the rank and file of the Democracy.

The wishes of Pennsylvania Democrats may not be considered very important, inasmuch as they cannot in any event give the Democratic candidate an Electoral vote. But the popular element of the Democracy in this State has its preference for a candidate with a remote chance of election and its liking for a leader of clear

is to be hoped that no more misadventures will cast doubt on the efficiency and integrity of the means of justice. A man, who has defied the laws of social organi zation as Fitzsimmons has, needs to be carefully guarded and promptly brought to trial and punishment. There is urgent need for demonstrating in his case that hanging is not played out in Allegheny

NATIONAL WATERWAYS.

county.

In a well considered article on internal water routes, chiefly devoted to the deepwater channels on the lakes advocated last week before a Congressional committee, the Philadelphia Press gives some extremely interesting statistics. In addition, by its intelligent indorsement of the general project of improved waterways, it thus demonstrates the growing magnitude of that subject:

The enormous and rapid growth made by our lake commerce ought to stimulate the extension of water navigation in and about them. The Portage Canal, the Illinois and Mississippi, the Pittsburg and Lake Erie and the Niagara River Canal, to say nothing of the enlargement of the Erie, are all enterprises which would add to the wealth and production of the land. It is a mistake to say that the day for canals is past. The Manchester, the Baltic, the Corinth, and the extension of the Suez Canal, with lesser enterprises, are all proof of the importance attached to canals abroad. A striking comparison of the effectiveness, as well as magnitude, of lake with rail transportation is made in the same article. The vessels on the lakes at the close of 1889 reached a total of 2,784, with a gross tonnage of 924,422 and a valuation of \$48.-809,750, carrying through the Detroit river alone nearly 20,000,000 tons of freight. "While these vessels cost only half of one per cent as much as the railroads of the United States," says the Press, "they carried 22 per cent as many ton miles. This tonnage was carried for about \$23,000,000. or one-seventh what it would have cost at the average rail rate." This is a very striking contrast, although, perhaps, to be more accurate, the vessels should be compared to the rolling stock of railways, and the waterways, whether natural or improved, to the railway tracks. Taking 12 per cent as the average proportion of railway capital invested in rolling stock the comparison shows that the means of transportation on the water, costing 4 per cent of the railway equipment, carried 22 per cent as much freight. In other words, the means of water transportation are five and one-half times as effective, while railway charges are seven times as great. If tolls

of 50 cents per ton had to be imposed on the water traffic to repay investment of capital in improved waterways, the rail-

way charges will still be three and onehalf times as great as the water charges. The point most worthy of consideration in this connection is that our Philadelphia cotemporary, in the paragraph quoted above, names five canal projects which would unite the rivers and lakes of the country as integral parts of a national system of water transportation. Without the deepening of the Erie Canal these projects would cost about three-fourths of one per cent of the capital of the railway system

of the country. With it they might cost two per cent of the railway capitalization. They would more than double the transportation capacity of the country, but the increase of the actual traffic would be multiplied by a far greater factor. The stimulus to the production and business of the country involved in reducing the cost

action of the local administrative bodies in daring to most emphatically condemn the Government as the source of all their ills.

which to base its judgment.

THE new French tariff is an instance of

would be to add to the railway traffic by

The important fact is that these projects

go hand in hand. They are the essential

parts of the great national plan of internal

water transportation, and should unite

THE capture of a hundred railroad work-

Workingmen's Union, in Montana, and the

enforced subscription of the captives to the

union, marks a new era in the power of labor

organizations. That the affair was completed without a struggle or any destruction

of property proves the eleverness of the plans, but does not lessen the illegality of

MADAME ADAM in giving a French

view of "England in Egypt" in the New

Review Indicates that France finds her great-

est grievance in the concessions which England has made to Germany to be allowed

"THERE is at least one creed which under-

WARD MCALLISTER has hitherto been

known first as the organizer and then as

suming so many and such various duties

that there is every probability of his being dubbed its chief cook and bottle washer

TROUBLES in Spain and proverbial Span-

the dispute with France, and the condition

of things in Europe is such that very little is required to upset the balance of peace.

MANY were those who scoffed at "Look-

strictures in accordance with the facts.

and humble everything else before long.

the steward of the four hundred. He is as

lation in two weeks, and is expected

rules which govern most creeds.

the compulsion.

free scope in Egypt.

forts of the pulpit.

its immense stimulus of the higher class

freights.

FITZSIMMONS is a notable victim of the cruel cigarette. It betrayed, and, if Justice does not miscarry, will kill him.

THE statement that the condition of woman is that of a slave in nations where liquor traffic is forbidden is quite true but to use that fact as an argument against prohibition is to state as cause and effect what is really nothing but a coincidence.

THE Stone Age is not to be compared with the millage.

THE blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church, so that a good crop of active citizens, from the ranks of those hitherto uninterested in the management of their local government, is to be expected from the ent persecutions.

PROPLE IN GENERAL.

SENATOR BRICE, of Ohio, wears his hair in almost the fac-simile of a curly auburn LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL says the

"newspapers did nothing but lie about" him while he was in South Africa. HORACE GREELET'S only brother, Barnes

Greeley, lives on the old family farm in Chautauqua county, near Jamestown, N. Y. THE Sultan of Morocco, having been thrown by a white mule, has ordered the back of the contumacious beast to be bastinadoed.

MR. RUSK is said never to have onits recovered from the suggestion that there are two agriculturists in the Cabinet, himself and a wan haymaker. DR. HOWARD BARRINGER at 94 is one

of the oldest physicians in New York and is still occasionally called in for consultation. At one time he was a noted specialist in children's diseases. MRS. K. L. MINOR, of Louisiana, one of

the Board of Lady Managers of the Colum-bian Exposition, is a successful sugar planter, and, with her brother, manages the affairs of a 5,000-acre plantation.

MR. REID, the United States Minister to France, attended President Carnot's diplomatic dinner on Thursday. He still remains indoors as much as possible by advice of his physician as he has not fully recovered from his recent filness. THE decoration of an officer of the Legion

of Honor conferred upon Mr. sames Whist-ler, the well-known etcher and painter, was given by the Government as a mark of its appreciation of Mr. Whistler's action in virtually presenting one of his pictures to the art gallery in the Palace of the Luxembourg.

CAPTURED A ROSA BONHEUR.

It Was Beneath the Mattress of a Smug gier's Bed in a New York Hotel.

NEW YORE, Feb. 1.-[Special.]-Landlord Joel B. Erhardt, of the Sturtevant House, has had for a guest since December Frank Simonton, an art dealer. Simonton arrived there from Paris on La Gascogne. He prought a number of paintings and paid the customs duties on them. Ye.terday the customs duties on them. Ye.terday Treasury Inspector Traitteur went to the hotel, and between the mattreases in Simon-ton's room he found an unframed picture signed Rosa Bonheur. It was spread out be-tween the matresses like a plaster. At the custom house it was appraised at \$1,800. It was known as "The Chamois," a Swiss mountain and animal scene. A week ago, in overhauling other matresses, Colonel Erhardt's men found two \$100 bills.

There Are Not Enough Privates ton Heraid.]

The trouble with the Democratic battal-ions in the Legislature is that there are too many Brigadier Generals and not enough

Commissioners who visited Bering sea last summer for the special purpose of investi-gating the seal industry. The United States Commissioners are Prof. Mendenhall, of the Geodetic Survey, and Prof. Merriam, of the Agricultural Department. Each commis-sioner has arrived at certain conclusions and the object of the conference between them is to bring these results together into a joint re-port constituting the findings of (act to be submitted to the Board of Arbitration. It being practically conceded that the arbitra-tion cannot be concluded in time to be effec-tive during the coming season steps will at once be taken to secure a renewal of the modus vivendi of last year which compact will expire May 1 next. Prompt action on this question is necessary in order that the sealing floets may be advised in advance of preparing for their usual spring cruise to

of preparing for their usual spring cruise to the seal waters.

Supreme Court Allotments.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to-day announced the following allotments among the circuits: First circuit, Horace Gray, Associate Justice; Second circuit, Samuel Blatchford, Associate Justice: Third

Samuel Blatchlord, Associate Justice: Third circui, John M. Harlan, Associate Justice; Fourth circuit, Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice; Fifth circuit, Lucius Q. C. Lamar, Associate Justice; Sixth circuit, Henry B. Brown, Associate Justice; Seventh circuit, John M. Harlan, Associate Justice; Eighth circuit, David J. Brower, Associate Justice; Vienth circuit, Justice; Stophen J. Niedd Associate Ninth circuit, Stephen J. Field, Associat

Another Branch Soldiers' Home.

Representative Snodgrass, of Tennessee o-day introduced a bill directing the Board of Managers of the House for disabled soldiers to establish a branch of the Soldiers' Home upon the Chickamaugua and Chatta-nooga Military Park. in Tennessee. An ap-propriation of \$120,000 is asked. Hom

Blaine After an Alaskan Survey.

Secretary Blaine has, through the acting Secretary of the Treasury, asked Congress for an appropriation of \$50,000 to complete the primary survey of boundary line be tween Alaska and British Columbia.

Encouragement for Agriculture.

Representative Simpson, of Kansas, to-day introduced a bill to promote and encourage agriculture by authorizing the United States Government to lend money annum.

Judge Woods Not Yet Confirmed.

From present indications the nomination of Judge Woods to be a United States Circuit Judge is not likely to come before the Senate for confirmation for several days yet. The Senate Judiciary Committee met to-day The Senate-Judiciary Committee methoday, and it was the expectation that some action would be taken on the nomination. It was announced, however, that Chairman Hoar was confined to his room by illness, and would not be able to attend the sessions of the committee for a week at least. In this state of affairs no attempt was made to secure a report on the nomination, and it will probably not be called up again until Senator Hoar can participate in the pro-ceedings.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

The Navy Department is informed that the United States squadron left Bahia Monday for Montevideo. The flagship Philadel phia is expected to arrive at the last named porting few days. The Boston and Yorktown are still at Gallao, and it is not settled whether either or both shall be sent to Val-Daniso.

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Secretary Foster Much Improved.

Secretary Foster spent a short time at the Treasury Department to-day, but will hardly be able to resume actual direction of its affairs for at least a week yet. He is still somewhat feeble from his recent illness, but is gradually gaining strength.

Mexican War Flags May Go Back, A joint resolution requesting the President to return to Mexico the flags captured by the United States Army during the Mexi-can War was introduced in the Senate and House to-day.

When Cleveland Writes His Declination Chicago Inter-Ocean.1

When Cleveland writes "I am not in it." Fill will be a happier man. His m will come to a head later on.

have taken his word for \$1,000,600. All have signed off their claims, and have given Mr. White a full release. They asked for no paper from him in acknowledgment of the claims. Mr. White said to them: "Gentle-men, I will pay you with interest when I get on my feet again." This is in evidence before the Stock Ex-change Committee. There being, therefore, no claims against Mr. White, his readmission is not disputed. Wall street men who loarned of the action of Mr. White's creditors said it was the greatest compliment the

MRS. J. M. SCHONWARKER did not, as was erroneously stated, entertain on last Thurs-day evening, but intends to do so the coming Thursday evening, wind and wave consent-ing. It is said that Mrs. Schoonmaker is go-ing to revive on the accasion the ci devant dinner dance that prevailed two years sgo. At any rate there is to be a dinner and then a dance snid it was the greatest compliment the street had ever witnessed. To his Chicago oreditors Mr. White was enabled to pay 50 cents on a dollar. HON. GEORGE R. WENDLING lectured last night in the Wilkinsburg Opera House to a arge audience on "Saul of Tarsus," the pro-ceeds of the lecture being for the benefit of

PENNSYLVANIA'S AID INVOKED

the public school library. In Behalf of the Hungry Peasantry of Rus THE Misses Henning, of Wallace street, Wilkinsburg, entertained the Wilkinsburg Chattauqua Circle last evening. An excel-lent programme of readings and musical se-lections was rendered. sin, Since Congress Has Refused.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 1.-[Special.]-Congress having decided that it could not aid in the transportation of relief to the starving millions of Russia, the Governors of the States are now being asked to co-operate with the Red Cross and kindred organizations in devising means to feed the Czar's subjects with the overflow of American granaries with the overlow of American granaries. Pennsylvania, through its Executive, is now asked to aid. Governor Pattison to-night received a letter from John W. Hoyt, Chair-man of the Bussian Famine Relief Commit-tee of the United States, dated at Washing-ton, indorsing the request. To this commu-nication Governor Pattison replied:

I have given publication to your communication and have directed a copy to be forwarded to the State Board of Charitles at Philadelphia. It may be that with the en-operation of citizens through the board a committee can be organized to co-op-erate with your committee in the noble work in which you are engaged. Any communication ad-dressed to the State Board of Charitles of Pennsyl-vania, No. 1025 Wainat street, Philadelphia, will no doubt receive proper attention.

Baby Astor Still a Lawbreaker

CHICAGO, Feb. 1. - [Special.]-Before the Augustus Pitou Company closed its engage-NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-[Special.]-The certifi-cate of birth of William Vincent Astor, son ment in this city last week, one of the prinof Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, has not cipal actors in the troupe surprised his asso ciates by marrying. He was William Faver yet been registered at the Bureau of Vita statistics at the Health Department. Al-though it is against the rules of the depart-ment to give any information to any but the next of kin of the registration of births or marriages, President Wilson yesterday in-structed the deputy registrar to make pub-lic the registration of Baby Astor's birth as soon as the certificate is filed. Statistics at the Health Department, Alsham, the young "juvenile man" of the company. In Grace Church he was married to Miss Marian Merwin, who is said to be wealthy and moves in New York society. Mr. Faversham was formerly in the Froh-man Lyceum stock, and also traveled for a time with a "She" troupe.

BRECKINEIDGE'S BREAK.

Mr. BRECKINBINGE is fearfully warlike in his efforts to secure peace.-Aurora Times. Mu. BRECKINEIDER should procure a hitchcago Tribune. ing strap and a curb bit for his imagination. -Chicago Neurs.

February 22. He probably thinks "the bet-ter the day," etc.-Boston Traveller. Does Mr. Breekinridge's resolution mean that he believes the President had received It is not hard to predict who will be slaughtered in Albany on February 22 to a reply to the ultimatum before he sent in his message? If that is not its meaning, make a David B. Hill holiday .- N. Y. Telewhat is it?-Buffalo Courier.

UNCLE SAN'S "back was up" and that was Ir is not definitely ascertained which of reason enough that Chile should "back down." Possibly, if she had heard from Jerry bis trousers pockets Mr. D. E. Hill will carry the New York Democratic Convention in .-Simpson and Brer Brecklaridge, she migh Chicago News. have sulked awhile longer. It is better as it SENATOR HILL has chosen Washington's

is.-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

UNFORTUNATE Breckinridge!-we mean the Hon. William Campbell Preston Breckinridge, of Kentucky. He would have done better to cling to tariff reform as the only issue for Americans, the only field for states manship .- New York Sun.

> lasting credit of a few Southern Democrats. was promptly and emphatically sat on when he attacked the President's motives in the Chilean matter and attempted to delay after Hillian affairs .- Chicago Inter-Ocean. action by Congress on that question .- St.

the Chilean situation was an offensive slur The farther Cleveland can get away from at President Harrison, which even his Hill the better he seems to enjoy himself. Should he ever become President of the Democratic associates refused to back up. Mr. Breckinridge is a fine old Kentuckian, but the leaders of his party need to muzzle him.-Philadelphia Bulletin. United States again, Hill can hardly hope to be Secretary of State. CONGRESSMAN BRECKINRIDGE, of Kentucky,

has shown that a member of Congress "in the ranks" can make himself an issue by . Chicago Inter-Ocean.] bringing up a live topic at an opportune moment, and no doubt Congressman Milis No patriotic American will object to Uncle Sam owning a fow ships with guns sticking out of the portholes. They are has brilliant expectations of future achieve-ments of a similar nature.-New York World. only peaco-makers.

so that in every way the exhibition must be sembling the manufactured article, has resatisfaction to the intelligent visitor. cently been discovered in New South Wales, Social Chatter.

at the Bulli Pass Coal Mines. The coal at the Bulli Pass Coal Mines. The coal measure at this point covers an area of about 550 acres and is 6' in thickness. The upper half of this seam is coal of a char-acter differing but little from the ordinary Australian coals, while the lower portion of the measure is a Latural coke.

-The Imperial train which has just been completed for the German Emperor has cost the Prussian exchequer nearly 4,000,000 marks and has occupied more than three years in construction. Its II carriages, con nected by corridors, include a study hung with real Gobelin tapestry from Charlotten-berg, a salon uphoistered in white satin, a nursery, a reception room adorned with marble statuary, an oak dining room, a kitchen and bedrooms for several guests.

-Not long since the people of Achill, or Eagle Island, lying off the coast of Ireland, in County Mayo, were accorded a privilega rare in the annals of the human nothing less than the uncommon sight of a nothing less than the uncommon sight of a stranded "devil-fish." The animal, although visibly shrunken and distorted, measured as follows: Length of tentacles, or long arm, 30 feet each; circumference of body, 60 feet; circumference of tentacles near body. 4 feet each. Only four other instances of the appearance of this strange monster in Br, tish waters have been recorded.

-In a catalogue of Mexican meteorites prepared by M. Antonio del Castillo, one mass is mentioned which exploded in the air and fell in widely dispersed fragments, portions of it being found in three places at the angles of a triangle whose two longer sides were some 55 and 35 miles in length. In one of these places two plates of stone were discovered, lying 250 yards spart, which had evidently once formed one huge block. Measurements and estimations place the combined weight of the two blocks at 80 tons. In this one shower of "imoon atomes," according to M. del Castillo's paper, not less than 3,600 tons of rocks fell. mass is mentioned which exploded in the

CURTAILED HUMORESOURS.

"I am sure George is fond of me. He said he loved the ground I walked on." "No doubt he meant it," returned her experi-

enced confidante. "You know, dear, you own that ground. "- Washington Post.

There's many a slip Twixt the cup and the lip-A truth we cheerfully grant; But there's often a sil When it's been at the lip-

Sometimes a regular plant. -Smith, Gmy & Co.'s Monthly.

Belle-You didn't call around to escort ne home from prayer meeting, as you promised. Cholly-Yes, I did, tool But I'll be shot if I could find the stage sutrance to your church

York Herald. "I wonder why Miss Aigely persists in

wearing those beauty spots?" "Why, you wouldn't deprive her of even that bit of Job's comfort, would you?"-St. Joseph Daily Netre.

> I was the first to compliment Her on the beauty of her sacque: Yet, when she passes now, her eyes A smile of recognition lack.

'T is not because I've jilted been She passes by so prond and chill-A salesman in a store am I. And she resides on Murray Hill.

First Wall Flower (at the ball)-'Randy

ou've been vaccinated lately, haven't you? Second Wall Plower-No. Why? (Spitefully) You don't seem to catch anything,-Chicago Tribuns,

Architect-And on these panels you wish,

believe, the double convolute. Mrs. Nouveau-Oh, no, indeed: I said I wanted just a plain wiggle running down on ea Barper's Baper.

How pleasant is it every morn, As on the olicioth floor you light, With frigid feet to grope for hours Yor slippers that are out of sight, - Clothier and Fi

Algy-Oh, I say, Weggie, Miss Budd Weggie-The divine eweature! What did she

Algy-the wanten to know who was your o perwone. I've been wondering all day what meant, -Judge.

birthday as the date for his formal entry into the Presidental field. What a fall was there, my countrymen!-Boston Herald. SENATOR HILL has decided to have the New York delegates selected on the 22d of February. This is a great concession to the mem-ory of George Washington .- Washington Post. THE Kentucky Breckinridge, to the ever Most of the United States Senators were on duty at Washington watching the important Chilean matters, but a party by the name of David was off in New York looking

Louis Globe-Democrat. The Better He Enjoys Himself. CONGRESSMAN BRECKINBIDGE'S speech or Toledo Commercial.]