next conference of the Domocratic Commit-tee of Ways and Means a letter will be read not only indorsing the Springer policy as the wisest party course at this time, but in-timating that even if the Democrats con-trolled both Houses of Congress and the Ex-ecutive the separate bill plan rather than a measure for general revision would be the wiser course. wiser course. That the gentleman whose works and

essays for years served as the chief Den cratic literature in the agitation for tariff reduction should approve the plan now adopted by the Democrats of the Ways and Means Committee is naturally a source of great gratification to Mr. Springer and the other members of the House who have stood as advocates of the separate bill policy as opposed to the demand for attempt at gen-eral revision. The letter of Mr. Wells is addressed to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and is as follows: NORWICH, CONN., Feb. 1,

My Dear Mr. Springer:

My Dear Mr. Springer: I have given considerable thought to your question as to the best method of procuring tariff reform by legislation, and find myself more and more inclined to the opinion that even if the Democratic party were in full control of both branches of Congress and of the executive the wisest and most practical plan would be what might be termed tenna-tive rather than radical. To frame a new tariff bill, wisely embodying reform ideas-even if the plan of the Walker tariff of 1846 is adopted as a structural model-will reeven if the plan of the Walker tariff of 1846 is adopted as a structural model—will re-quire nuch time, great labor and almost su-perhuman wisdom. The best experts can rarely tell where in our complicated indus-trial and commercial organization, the final incidence of any tax will fall. No bill can be framed that will not contain incongrui-tics, inexpediences, errors, and periages absurdities which only time and experience will reveal. In that het, partiasa, political will reveal. In that het, partisan, political discussion that will follow such a bill, all these weak points will be picked out, ex-ggerented and used to obscure more im-portant issues and confuse the public.

Art Works as Valuable Educators,

Suppose, for example, the proposed bill puts works of art, paintings and statuary, not ordinary merchandise, on the free list, as would be desirable. The argument in tavor of such legislation is that such prodnets do not need the protection of any tariff; that all civilized countries make a point of encouraging such importations and of not restricting them, and that their presof not restricting them, and that their pre-case in the country develops artistic fastes among our people, which, in turn, creates a demand for artistic products, and so calls into existence new domestic industries, em-ploying highly skilled labor at high wages, both of men and women. But how much would this plea avail before the great mass of voters in the agricultural districts, with a political opnoment's counter-assertions tint pictures and statuary were bought only by the rich, as pure objects of luxury, and are therefore eminently fit subjects for tax-ntion. Can we afford to give the enemy any advantages in discussion or opportunities advantages in discussion or opportunities for befogging the real issues?

min, with a complete tariff bill, the re force of the protectionists, active and pact, through the attraction of further compact, through the attraction of further opportunity for public plunder. On the other hand, under the temative plan-that is, of a comparatively few issues-the ten-dency of these interests not immediately affected would be to sluggishness and in-difference. The old maxim, 'Divide and conquer,' seems to me, therefore, most pur-turent under existing circumstances.

Then times time is sting circumstances. I would also ask your atte tion to a mat-ter of historical experience, full of sugges-tion, which thus far seems to have been en-tirely overlooked; and that is that Sir Robert New overnoused; and that is that is the boost seed, in dealing with exactly the same prob-em as now confronts tariff legislators, but rom a British standpoint, adopted the ten-ative method, and owed all of his great uccess to the fact that he did adopt it.

How Free Traders Won in England. At the time Mr. Peel took office, in 1841. he British fariff was in every feature extremely protective, or better, extremely re- the admission of Koreshans into it." strictive on British foreign commerce, as it had been for centuries. It was more com-

licated and taxed a greater number of arti-les than the McKinley bill. The first measfor tariif reform introduced by a in 1812 was very conservative, and pro ore than the removal of duties n crude materials essential to manufactrum crude uniterials essential to manufact-ming, with a view of cheapening the cost of commutaturing to British manufacturers, and line since been characterized in history is an elaborate attempt to foster trade by relaxing import dutics, at the same time continuous momentum

continuing protection. The measure encountered the most vio-lent opposition. Precisely the same argu-ments were brought forward in favor of the continuance of the McKinley tariff as were dvanced in support of the then existing British tariff. The same prediction of im-anding disaster to domestic industry as the number were showered upon Parliaending disaster to domestic industry as a now made were showered upon Parlia-cent and the public. The bill proposed by r Robert Peel became a law. No further uportional tariff legislation was proposed atil 1815 but in the three preceding years to beneficial influence of the tariff reduche beneficial influence of the tariff reduc-tons of 1812 had become so manifest in re-tring industry and commerce that Mr. velvehicf orponents in the former year serme his chief supporters in the latter, and valued a general public sentiment in de-anding further and greater reforms. A fit was accordingly introduced and passed a list, removing or reducing the duties on a true additional number of articles, but still admained protective duties, but still admained articles and apricultural reducter, and it was not until 1866 that Sir obset Feel directly attacked the protec-Robert Peel directly attacked the protec-tions: system by introducing and passing the bill which repealed the corn laws, and

DR, TEED IS IN TOWN The Famous Koreshan Messiah **Comes Unheralded Into** Pittsburg and CONFERS WITH JOHN DUSS. Another Chapter on the Plan to Infuse New Element in the GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMITES. George F. Ward Says the Chicago Man Runs the Society Now,

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE TRUSTLE

Dr. C. R. Teed, the Koreshan Messiah, is in Pittsburg again. It is not known just where he is located, but the fact that he is here is vouched for by George E. Ward, who has taken considerable trouble to unearth what he terms a scheme of the Koreshans to get control of the Economite Society. The advent of the Koreshan leader this

time was decidedly quiet. When here a few months ago he was accused of endeavoring to secure control of the money of the Economites and convert it to the use of the Koreshans. This was denied by the doctor and his friends, but nevertheless the Economites gave him

a chilly reception and he left. His main supporter among the latter, Trustee Duss, kept up the agitation for a union between the Koreshans and Economites. Finally the feeling against the combine became so strong among his people that Trustee Duss was forced to temporarily abandon his idea, and to all appearances he and Teed were no longer working together

Reveals Something New. But the present visit of Teed to this city proves differently. George E. Ward was in Pittsburg yesterday and when asked about the matter he said: "Teed is in Pittsburg, though I cannot tell you just where he is stopping. Not only is he here, but he has had a conference

with John Duss. Last Saturday Messrs. Duss, Turner and Silverfriend came to Pittsburg and to my own personal knowledge met Teed and had a long talk with him. This will be a surprise to many people who had begun to be-

lieve Duss had abandoned Teed and given up his idea of affiliating the two organizations. The meeting is good evidence that they are as thick as ever and I am convinced that their plan is now to break up the Economy Society if they cannot secure

According to Mr. Ward's story a man came to him some time ago, stating that he

NO WATER IN AUSTRALIA. IMANY WRATHY WOMEN Pittabury Driller, Who Probed the Eart There for Three Years, Says the Pure Liquid Is Unattainable-Other Points on Invade the Assessors' Office Because of High Property Valuations. the Country. Dick R. Vanwarmer, an expert oil and gas driller, returned yesterday from Aus-ONE CLERK WAS FORCED TO FLEE. tralia, where he spent 214 years in the employ of the South Australian Government boring for water. He is stopping at the St. Apparently No End to the Number of Ap-James Hotel. Mr. Vanwarmer was superpeals That Are Being Filed. intendent of drilling for the Westinghous Company. The Australian Government FIGURES ON RECENT DOWNTOWN SALES sent to Mr. Westinghouse for a corps of

competent drillers. Messrs. Vanwarmer, Hutchinson and others were sent to do the work. The others returned to Pittsburg Another large batch of appeals were filed

at the City Assessosr' office yesterday. The ome months ago. "What did you find in Australia?" was majority of the appellants were the owners asked Mr. Vanwarmer last night. "Salt principally," the gentleman an-swered. "We remained there long enough to convince the Government there was no of small properties in the Twelfth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twenty-Second wards. A large number of the appeals from the Eighteenth ward were presented by water obtainable. Rain falls but once every six months down there and the heavy women, and some of them were so noisy in rain is usually during the winter. While there we drilled four wells. The first well we abandoned at the depth of 1,028 feet, where we found a volcanic formation. The their demands that the clerks were driven to their wit's ends. One Hibernian lady threatened to scalp one of the filing clerks because he would not grant a reduction in second well we located 12 miles north of the valuation which she demanded then and first well, but at a depth of 1,910 feet we there. He was compelled to leave his posistruck water that showed 14 ounces of salt to the gallon. About 80 miles west of the tion for nearly an hour until the irate

second well we found stock water at a depth party had gone. It is expected that the appeals will be coming in for several days "The Australian stock can live and grow yet from the wards now in the assessors' fat on water that shows 1¼ ounces of salt to the gallon, but we found but one well that produced such water. The fourth well we drilled 1,200 feet deep, but the water found showed 5¼ ounces of salt to the gallon. hands. No definite action has been taken toward getting the taxable valuation of the Fourteenth ward.

The assessors show figures on recent sales "As we say here, Australia isn't in it, a in justification of their increase in downcompared with our country. The only good thing they have down there is their mutton. town valuations. The Freehold Bank property was formally transferred to the name Their sheep live on what they call salt bushes, and the mutton is finer than turkey. of Matt Weiss on the assessors' books yes-The people are a peculiar class. They never work, and they don't seem to know how to terday. The lot, 30x60 feet was sold for \$95,000 or \$3,166 66 per front foot for that do anything but attend sporting events. We shallow depth. The assessors had placed well paid while there and, of course, their valuation on the lot prior to the sale we held up the American end, but they don't travel tast enough for us." at \$33,000 or \$2,000 per front foot. The building sold as it was assessed, at \$20,000.

NOT AN INFERNAL MACHINE. S. Zoch, proprietor of the Morning Star

Mr. Saitta Explains One of the Liberty Stree Mysterics.

asking for a box.

Mr

of 300 feet.

bought No. 968 Liberty street for \$24,500, Coroner McDowell continued the inquest the lot at \$22,500 or \$1,160 per front foot. vesterday in the case of the man, supposed It had been assessed at \$1,100 per foot. Zoch also bought within a few weeks a property on Smithfield street, between Virto be "Old Jack." found in the ruins of Saitta & Fugassi's fruit store. Adelaide Callahan, a girl employed in the building, and Charles C. McGovern, an express driver, identified the body as that of a man

who worked for Mr. Saitta, and who was known as "Aplitty." Mr. Saitta testified that he never knew the man, and that the only person of that description was "Old

Figures on Recent Sales.

restaurant, on Wood street, in December

Zoch also bought within a few weeks a property on Smithfield street, between Vir-gin allev and Sixth avenue for 556,000, the lot at \$30,000, or \$2,084 per front foot. It had been assessed at \$2,000 per foot. Thos, C. Lazear was the only applicant from the Third ward yesterday. He is as-sessed \$121,600 on his lot, \$3x80 feet, at Wood street and Fifth avenue and on four build-ings thereon at \$36,000. His appeal is for \$100,-000 on lot and \$15,000 on buildings. W. H. Hamilton & Co. the glass manufact-mers, are assessed \$71,000 on lot fronting 177 feet on Bailroad street, running 399% feet to low water mark in the Allegheny river. The firm complains that the Valley Railroad has taken seven feet of that front for a right of way, the Junction Raffroad has taken 30 feet for the same purpose and the Government has taken 50 feet for the site of Herr's Island bridge, leaving only 290 feet denth, and for which the firm will accept \$30,000, including right of recovery from the railroads and the Government for ground appropriated. On 144x100 feet at Ballroad and Twenty-first structs, assessed at \$20,440, they appeal for a \$15,000 valuation. The Orphan Asylum lot, 120x100 feet, at Penn avenue and Twenty-fourth street, is assessed at \$20,910; appeal, \$18,000. The Nation's Bank for Savings, assessed \$12,320 on 110x100 feet at Smallman and Twenty-eischth streets; appeal, \$7,200, at which the property is offered for sale. Reasons for a Decrease of Valuo. Jack," who has been lying sick out at his home on Spring alley. McGovern and Miss Callahan went there, but declared the man there is not the one they knew. Several electrical appliances were pro-uced which were believed to be an infernal machine. They were found near where the body was discovered. Tim Scanlan said his suspicions had been aroused by John McFadden pushing through the crowd and Saitta was seen last evening and

positively denied the dead man ever worked for him. He said the electrical appliances were a telegraphic key and sounder he had formerly used and that the other piece was a part of a battery. He had them all laid away in a box and that is how they came to

RESULT OF LOCAL OBSERVATIONS. Wants a Reduction of One-Half.

Professor Very Furnishes Some Interesting

Information.

It Was a Eare Opportunity.

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F. M. Magee asks a cut from \$30,000 to \$15, 000 on lot fronting 150 feet on Highland ave-nue on the ground that no property ever sold on that street at a higher price than \$100 a foot front. He gives the same reason for asking a cut from \$33,000 to \$16,500 on an

\$100 a foot front. He gives the same reason for asking a cut from \$33,000 to \$16,500 on an-other lot with 165 feet frontage. He offers to take \$100 a foot for either property. On a 73% acre tract, assessed at \$35,304, he appeals for a \$25,000 valuation and an agricultural classification "because he farms it." Charles Lockhart is assessed \$106,702 on four acres on Highland avenue and \$44,000 on buildings; appeal, \$103,600. Four acres be low Highland reservoir assessed \$10,000; ap-peal, \$2,000, and buildings, \$4400; aupeal, \$24,000.
A. G. Spangler, 60x115 feet, Frankstown avenue, near Station street \$0,000; appeal, \$4000; Georre Bieser, 724,x30 feet, Station street, \$8,338; appeal, \$5,435. Mrs. Kare Hill, 22x144. Penn avenue, \$22,000; appeal, \$19,200.
J. F. Brainard, 15%, acres, Saerdan avenue, \$12,700; appeal, \$2,000; Lot 110x475, Highland avenue, \$12,700; appeal, \$2,000; Samuel, \$17,120. J. W. Lazear, Bx62, Frankstown avenue, \$14,-250; appeal, \$2,000. Samuel Weber, 60x112, Frankstown avenue, \$55,500; appeal, \$10,000.
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W. D. King, 200x180, Highland avenue, \$47. 250; appeal, \$30,000. Charles Eble, 219,2145, Penn avenue, \$21,870; appeal, \$14,000. Harris Crawford, 40x120, Station street, \$7,200; app

will not be necessary to keep a watch over the meeting which will take place early this morning. At the Allegheny observatory Prof. Very took observatione last night and he says it is one of the most beautiful appeal, \$3,000. of the astronomical phenomena. Speaking of it he said:

Figures That Are Far Apart.

S. L. Schoonmaker, six lots on St. Clair, Hays and Mellon streets, \$75,442; appeal, \$39, 650. Mrs. S. Cassell, 133x255, Sheridan ave nue, \$13,500; appeal, \$6 650. Standard Oil Company, nine acres. Butler street, Nine centh ward line, \$18,263; appeal, \$4,565 George Kim, 40x220, Frankstown avenue, \$15, abor appeal, \$9,220. Same, 60x220, Frankstown avenue, \$19,200; appeal, \$14,880. Mellom Bros., \$14,2203. State, 40,810, Frankstown avenue, \$12,000; appeal, \$1,000, Frankstown avenue, \$12,000; appeal, \$7,000. A. W. Mellon, 20x100, Frankstown avenue, \$6,600; appeal, \$5,500. P. O'Connor, 21x144, Penn avenue, \$21,000; appeal, \$13,000. Thomas Mellon, three-fourths area, rear of Fairmount avenue, \$13,031; appeal, \$1,300. Denholm Bros., 18x144 feet, Penn near Colins avenue, \$18,000; appeal, \$10,800. C. L. and F. M. Magee, 11 acres back of Highland avenue, \$32,000; appeal, \$25,000, and ask for rural classification.
In the Twenty-second ward Theo. Hostetter is assessed at \$30,000 on five acres at Sbady and Homewood avenue, which he purchased for \$25,000 two months aro. Miriam G. Hostetter is nassessed at \$30,007 on 208212 feet on Fifth avenue, above Neville, and \$80,000 on lot and \$30,000 on building. 600; appeal, \$9,920. Same, 60x220, Frankstown

cannot get a glimpse of the surface. Jupi-ter's diameter is about 86,500 miles, or more than 11 times that of Venus, which is 7,700 miles. The surface of Venus is so covered with clouds that it is impossible to deter-mine the diameter accurately, and these figures probably involve an error of 30 miles either way. "It has been a very easy matter for as-

biilding. Ex-Alderman Carlisle is assessed \$11,250 on 1% acres on Neville street, which he values at \$4,500. On a lot 50x120 feet on Fitth ave-nue, assessed at \$5,000, he asks a cat to \$4,200. The Hailman estate is assessed \$5,000 arr acre on 23% acres at Homewood and Dallas avenues, a total of \$127,405. A valuation of \$75,000 and agricultural classification is asked, because the property is occupied by a market gardener who pays only \$600 a year rent and is kicking because it is so much. Only ligner threat Out Theap Only Paper Streets Out There.

season, to be ice fields, such as exist at our Arotic and Antartic seas. Again, its rota-tion is accomplished in 24 hours 37 minutes and 22.67 seconds, which is only a little more than a half hour longer than the earth's. With Venus it is supposed that the does not rotate on her axis but always W. N. Frew makes a vigorons appeal. He is assessed \$140,000 on seven acres on Fifth, near Shady avenue, and \$144,000 on 24 acres she does not rotate on her axis, but always keeps one side turned toward the sun. Toon Shady avenue, near Fifth. His total assessment, including buildings, is \$33,800, night she appeared in a position between the half and the quarter full." and his appeal is for a valuation of \$174,533. He first demands rural classification for the seven-acre tract and agricultural for the Prof. Very was asked about the wander other because it is used only for orchard and ing star of Bethlehem and at once declared he did not believe there was such a star, and further answered by asking, "Do you read the Bible?" "I do," sincerely replied the reporter. "Then you must know it says the star of Bethlehem was only visible to the three wise men. It also states that it stood over the stable where the Christ child lay." When asked as to whether any star that mored in successful a storogenical circles

that it would not and said: "I doubt whether such a star exists. There may be a variable star which fancy has given that name because it is supposed to appear at intervals which would have made it prominent about the beginning of the Christian

era." "What effect will the conjunction to morrow have on the other heavenly bodies? "According to the law of attraction of matter for matter, when these two planets

THE ELKS' 14TH BENEFIT.

us Society Gives the Most Suc saful Entertainment Since Its Organi sation-The Great Western Band Plays

Itself Into Great Favor. The statuette of an elk adorned with aurel embellished the entrance to the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon, and at the same time served to indicate that the performance for the benefit of the B. P. O. Elks was going on within. It was the fourteenth annual affair of this nature, and, excepting on one or two previous occasions.

the most successful yet given. The curtain SCIENCE AND THE STAR OF BETHLEREM should have rung up at 1 o'clock, but it was half-past before the andience was seated, The courtship of Jupiter and Venus is and then Manager Wilt, who was grand naking more disturbance than any love superintendent of affairs behind the curaffair of modern times, but then it will help tain, when the necessary feminine rustling out the groundhog in his weather predicwas over, and the Great Western Band tuntions. One feature of the conjunction will ing its instruments, had the pleasure of seebe that the sun will get measles in the ing as "pretty" a house as ever gladdened a shape of a new sun spot. This sun spot will managerial eye. Dainty souvenir pro-be like the stirring up of a fire, and will grammes, the gift of the Elks, were supbe like the surring up of a nre, and will increase the temperature so that the groundhog will be helped out in his promise of the death of winter. Last night the two planets were appar-ently within a few inches of each other, but in reality they are separated the usual Great Western Hand of 30 pieces, our own "crack" organization, with the veteran Professor B. Weis leading. The orchestra made a big triumph for itself in the second selection, P. Bucalossi's "A Hunting Scene," never heard'in this city under more delightful circumstances nor with more realistic effect. The richness of the wood-realistic effect. but in reality they are separated the usual distance of about 370,000,000 miles. The solar system has decided that a chaperone wind effects, particularly a subject of admiration, was due to the presence of four French horn players, of which one at least is said to be the finest performer in

is said to be the finest performer in the country. Almost an ovation was accorded the Great . Western upon concluding. His Honor, the Mayor of Pittsburg was the star of the second act of the much varied entertainment. Mr. Gourley, in a speech dilating at length upon the merits of the order and the advantages accruing to members, said that though he was not an Elk he was honored to be thus privileged to speak on that for which he had an un-bounded admiration. He told of its benefi-cence, its record of philanthropy, its broth-erhood, with ties as close as those of blood "It is seldom we have an opportunity of eeing two planets in one field of observation. To-night Jupiter and Venus had the appearance of being very close together. In fact, this is about the closest conjunction of which we have any record. These two planets are in conjunction about every 20. or 22 years. Venus, of course, was much brilliant on account of its erhood, with ties as close as those of blood and friendship: in short, lavished encomi-ums that almost made the order blush with being nearer the earth than Jupiter. It is only about 370,000,000 miles away. Venus had the appearance of being leasure to learn how really noble it was pleasure to learn how really noble it was. The speech, displaying Mr. Gourley in his eleverest form, was vociferously applauded. The remainder of the programme was de-voted either to performances by an entire company, recitations, or "single business" by special performers, among which were Marie Hubert Frohman and her company in "Snow Bound;" Dixon and Lang, from the Academy; Peck and Fursmans, in "Daniel Boone;" Maurice Drew, Millie Lamar and a dozen other clever people. The curtair, went down finally on the Brother Elks with joined hands on the stage, singmade of burnished silver, while Jupiter was lead colored. We get the reflection of the atmospheres of these planets, but we tronomers to detect on Mars evidences of Elks with joined hands on the stage, sing-ing "Auld Lang Syne." Every female perclimates and seasons, and topographical con-ditions corresponding wonderfully well with our own. For instance, the white spots at the poles are believed, and with good reaformer, star and super alike, was remem-bered with a handsome basket of flowers.

Secretary Lee guesses roughly at net pro SUNBEAMS in the camera, by a scientific riter, in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

presided. After the meeting Mr. French

claimed that nothing of importance to the public had been considered. The business is not very brisk. The usual trouble at most of these meetings is that somebody

has been cutting prices. It was denied that rates had been slashed.

New 10c Paper at 5, 6 and 8c. Wide Border and Collings. Choice Paper, 10 to 25c. Fine Parlor Paper, 25 to 50c.

IN ADVANCE AGAIN!

Meeting of Spring Manufacturers. The Spring Manufacturers' Association held a short meeting at the Anderson yesterday afternoon. A. French, of this city.

> Most beautiful, new style, 4tone Printed India Silks, full 23 inches wide, made in Lyons, France-bleached grounds, exquisitely printed in wreath. spray, Louis XIV and jardinier designs, on cloth of superior finish and extra weight. A lot of over 50 pieces to select from

the cloth, the character and newness of the printing and de-

agents commenced yesterday to check off rates for the purpose of preparing a new chedule in a few months from now. The work yesterday was of a routine character. A number of supplements have accumu-lated during the year, and these will be disposed of.

Checking Bates for a New Schedule

The Pittsburg Committee of Freig

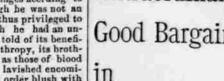
The Leading Dry Goods House. Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday, Fob. 6, 1891 JOS. HORNE & CO.'S

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arces on manufactured products. After this although Sir Robert Peel did of remain in office, his policy was con-used, but it was not until 1852, when the threed, but it was not until 182, when the inst relies of the British awigation laws was swept from the statute book, that the policy of Great Britain became wholly antagonistic to the maintenance and encument of any have restrictive of the freedom of exchange or the imposition of taxes for any other pur-pose than revenue.

An Example in the British Action.

From this brief review of British experi ence it is clear that if Sir Robert Peel, in 1842, had attempted to reform the British tarill as a whole, and adopted any course in dealing with his problem other than the tentative one, he would not have been succossful. And I venture to predict that if we now adopt the same policy, history, on a mander scale, will repeat itself. Every relaxation of the existing restriction on trade anxietoe of the existing restriction on trade will increase trade, and the blessing of free-dom and of excimption from all unnecessary inxation will be so understood and appre-ciated by the masses of our people that retrocressive action will not be tolerated. A brief word further. By adopting the tentative method and sending to the Senate for a non-laborated by the House

tentative method and sending to the Senare a few simple hills enacted by the Honse, bills removing the duties on wool, salt, ceal, hundler, tin plate and the like, the Demo-cratic party will define and formulate the plant and the scope on which the tariff debate in the contine Presidental contest shall be conducted. General debate will to a great extent be dispensed with and discussion will be concentrated on the essentials. Every Senaror who votes in opposition to the removal of taxation from such articles as above specified puts himself at once on the defensive and in a position sure to be politically uncomfortable. The masses have been, and mobility always will be, slow to een, and probably always will be slow to omprehend the tariff question when dis-used generally; but they will not be slow > recognize and appreciate the effect of tration on commodities that enter directly ad largely into their consumption, and inand largely into their consumption and in-

Gradual Work Again Recommended.

It is assumed that none of the reforms in the tar if which it is proposed to embody in separate bills can receive the sauction of the senate and Executive and become en-actments. This I do not regard as altogether eriain. But suppose the assumption is to e fully warranted by experience, and that in the couning Presidental contest the peoe indorse by their votes the action of the House. Then, in the next Congress or the pext session of the Fifty-second Congress, it would be wise to renewedly present the detailed measures in question rather than a general bill: for, in face of decided ratificarememi bill: for, in face of decided ratifica-lem of them by the people, it would be difficult to see how they could be rejected. And if accepted, even in part, the future work of reforming the tariff, either by a general bill or in detail, would be comparatively easy, for every interest leprived of further opportunity to alunder the public would follow the example of the quining manufacturers when this commodity was put on the free ist, and became ardent tariff reformers; suggesting the fable of the old for who, when he had lost his tail in a trap, was most unzious for general considerations that all he other foxes should have their tails cut off.

h are some of the reasons which induce me to prefer and recommend the attacking of our existing tariff system in detail, or by what I have termed the tentative method, what i have termed the tentative method, rather than by a general bill, which involves a contest all along the line and in respect to every particular, both of tax and adminis-tration. I am, very respectfully, David A. WELLS.

MONKEY EXCERT GARNER tells how he has discovered a new simina word in THE DESPATCH to-morrow.

reduced or entirely removed the | Teed is now practically running the Econo-

sever his connections with Dr. leed and abandon the plan of uniting the two societies. This is necessary unless the Economite Society desires to become a Koreshan unity. I am satisfied John Duss thinks he is trying to accomplish something great, but it will be a sorry day for the Economites when his idea is carried out."

SPEING styles by Ada Bache-Cone in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

After Twenty-Four Years a Poor Farm Inmate Is to Be Taken Away.

After 24 years William McKibben, at inmate of the City Poor Farm, will probably be taken away and cared for the rest of his days. Yesterday afternoon a lady called at the Department of Charities, and inquired of Chief Elliot if William McKibben alive. Chief Elliot replied that he was, The lady said she was Mrs. Virginia Zimmerman, wife of a contractor of Parkview avenue, Allegheny. She stated that Mc-Kibben was a cousin of her mother, and it Knoben was a coust of her mother, and it was only recently that she learned of his destitute condition. She had determined to do what she could for him. A permit was given her, and she said that she would go

peculiar cases that ever came under his no-tice. Twenty-four years ago McKibben was a roller in a mill on the Southside. He was a roller in a mill on the Southside. He was married and had one child. One day, while at work, he was struck on the head by a piece of metal, and his skull was fractured. He survived the injury, but has been de-mented ever since. He was taken to the Poor Farm, where he has since remained, with the armetics of these methods. with the exception of three months at one time, when he was discharged. However, he soon returned. His triends have never tried in any way to get him out, and yes-terday was the first time that any inquiry was made concerning him.

Charged With Striking a Bootblack.

Charles Bronson had a hearing before Alderman McKenna yesterday on a charge of assault and battery preferred by George Bailey. Bailey is a bootblack, and one day while down in Davis' barber shop on Seventh street he asked Bronson if he would have a shine. Bronson replied by hitting him with a cane. Bronson in de-fault of \$500 bail was remanded to jail to await a trial by court.

General McClelland Much Worse

Steve Quinon, the newspaper writer, left last night for Harrisburg to visit Adjutant General McClelland, who is still confined to a Harrisburg hospital. It was reported last night that General McCleiland had taken another relapse and is now in a serious

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"It is unsafe for the Economite Society to keep John Duss there any more unless it is certainly developed that he is willing to sever his connections with Dr. Teed and all of which was found on them. At the Central station they gave their names as Edward Reese William Coyle, William Buckley and William Scott. The officers also searched the room they occupied at 197 Third avenue and found a number of things, such as pocket books, gloves, etc., which they think were stolen goods. The prisoners were locked up for a

hearing this morning.

A PAUPER A LONG TIME.

Pennsylvania Railway employes states that some of them have told him that company officials have advised those who live in the vicinity of the Seventh avenue site. where some suppose the company intends to erect a new depot, not to renew their was at the City Farm and if he was still leases. He thinks the significance of the advice is that the company means to commence operations soon. Attorney Samuel McClay, who lives up the West Penn Railway, states that he has noticed work being done on that road which suggests to him that it is the intent of the P. R. R. to bring all the trains in its connection into the new depot and he is elated with the ope that in the near future he can be carup some day next week. Chief Elliott said it was one of the most

ried within a couple of squares of his office instead of as now being obliged to come over from Allezheny in a street car, or face the from Allegheny in a street car, or face the howling blasts that surge up the river. It is confidently predicted that "Hard-scrabble" will soon cease to be an eyesore to the city, and suburban residents cherish the hope that ere long all the railroads cen-tering in the city will have one common depot, as they should have. Paying toll on bridges or riding on street cars from the Northside or Bouthside is a heavy dratt each year. each year.

Bishop Phelan and Charles F. McKenna last night at 12 o'clock visited the Pitts-

burg postoffice to inspect the place. The Bishop was especially delighted with the place. He was surprised at the amount of mail handled.

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An Appeal From the Standard.

of Revision yesterday heard appeals from the assessments made in Coraopolis, Sharps-burg, Knoxville and Bellevue boroughs. The Standard Oil Company is assessed at \$55,100 on seven acres at Butler and Bridge The largest number of appeals were re-ceived from Coraopolis borough, where a large increase had been made. The assessors streets the old Citizens' Oil Refinery, and streets, the old Chizens' Oll Refinery, and \$21,713 on buildings and machinery. In the appeala valuation of \$45,500 is asked on the old plant. The owners have been trying to sell for \$6,500 an acre for nine years and the buildings, tanks, etc., remaining are not worth over \$2,000. had made a raise of 172 1-10 per cent over the former valuation, to which the Board of Revision had added 20 per cent more, a total increase of 192 1-10 per cent. Most of the appel-

lants were satisfied, however, when they learned that their valuations were only on a par with other districts and that the assessment had been equalized. From the other three boroughs heard but

From the other three boroughs heard but few appeals were presented. In Bellevue borough the assessors had added 24 per cent, and the Board of Revision added 160 per cent more, a total increase of 124 per cent. In Knoxville borough the assessors raised 57-10 per cent and the board added 25 per cent. The assessors of Sharpsburg borough made an increase of 45 2-5 per cent. Noth-ing was added to this, as it was considered an equitable assessment.

VIVISECTION by Bob Burdette in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

The Empty Iron Box Found.

The iron box taken from the safe of Gordon Bros., of Homestead, early Wednesday morning, was found by some boys while skating on a poud at West Penn to-day. With the exception of the \$25 the contents were found intact. A large monkey-wrench was found lying alongside the box. The

sell for \$5,500 an acre for nine years and the buildings, tanks, etc., remaining are not worth over \$2,000. Eighteenth ward-C. A. Halli, 5% acres Morningside avenue, \$170 62: appeal, \$6,700. Henry Lagesman, 9 acres, Morningside avenue, \$27,000; appeal, \$19,500; also 75 acres \$22,500; appeal, \$7,800. G. Bokeman, 40,7100 Butler street, \$4,000; appeal, \$2,800; also 50x 100, Carnbeite street, \$3,000; appeal, \$1,600. M. A. Smith, 15x100, Butler and Flity-second streets, \$3,840; appeal, \$2,100. Mrs. M. Sar-ricks, 60,8100, Mutler, near Flity-second street, \$7,200; appeal, \$6,000. Mrs. Sarrick's property entire is valued at \$50,875; appeal, \$34,690. B. Vetter, 4½ acres, Morningside avenue, \$13,473; appeal, \$4,900. William Adams, 12 acres, Morningside avenue, \$85,600; appeal, \$13,600. M. Bichenmaker, 5 acres, Morningside ave-nue, \$15,225; appeal, \$5,075. John Behan, 20x 100, Butler street, \$4,000; appeal, \$2,000. M. Bichenmaker, 5 acres, Morningside ave-nue, \$15,225; appeal, \$2,000. Jns. Gallagher, 00,100, Butler street, \$4,000; appeal, \$2,000. M. N. Frew's appeal on Mineteenth ward property is a refreshing clange. He asks that his valuation be increased. He is as-sessed \$0,000 on one and a half acres at Mc-Cully and St. Clair streets, and \$5,536 on 202x171 feet at Negley and McCully streets, His valuation on the former is \$50 per front for, or \$11,750 on the whole, and \$75 per foot, or \$15,160 on the latter. The East Eud Electric Light Company ap-peals: On \$5x145 feet, Broad street, \$2,000; appeal, \$1,625. On 75x145 feet, Broad street, \$0,000; appeal, \$4,875. Brick power house thereon, \$7,000; appeal, \$2,000; no appeal. \$2,000; appeal, \$4,875. Brick power house and machinery, \$40,000; no appeal. authorities are now convinced that Will-iams, the onc-time pal of the late F. C.

Judge McClung Enters a Protest.

Judge S. A. McClung is among the Nineteenth ward appellants. He is assessed \$1,920 on four Butler street lots which he values at \$350, and \$321 on another which he says is only worth \$10. He is also assessed

acted in a very suspicious manner. he says is only worth \$10. He is also assessed \$0.05 on 22 lots in the Eighteenth ward, which he values at \$4.550. The Alexander King estate is assessed at \$224,000 on 30 acres on Haights avenue, be-tween Negley avenue and the ward line, \$150,000 on 35 acres between ward line and Wayne street, \$22,553 on 15 acres on Broad street, \$83,126 on 4 1-6 acres on Highland ave-nue, and \$34,998 on seven acres in rear of Highland avenue. W. S. King, making the appeal, values all the land at \$115,804, or less than half the assessors' value on the first named tract, on which his valuation is only \$30,700. In regard to the two large tracts he says they have yielded large tax returns to the city for many years, but no city benefits have ever reached them and they are as much isolated to day as when purchased 30 years ago. Suffering From Overproduction J. M. Gates, President of the Braddock Wire Company, left for Chicago on the limited last evening. He had been here attending the meeting of the company "We have had more roseate outlooks than at the present," he said. "Business is tough, and everybody is complaining. The

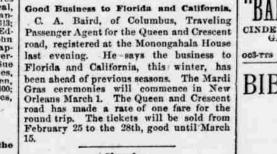
country is suffering from overproduction. Down South there is plenty of cotton, but prices are low and the demand is small. Yes, the combination of wire men is still in existence, but it may meet the fate of like syndicates-suddenly break."

me in a straight line with the sun it will likely create some disturbance. I believe it will cause another sun spot. The history of these spots is that they cause an increased radiation of heat, as if it was a stirring up of the internal fires."

> ITALIAN art as Murat Balstead saw it at Rome and Florence in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

About the Star of Bethlehem.

moved in respectable astonomical circles would be guilty of such conduct, he opined



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Mr. Carnegie. All the above churches bought the inimitable vocalion church organs at H. Kleber & Bro's, 506 Wood street. Several new shurch organs of same make just received.

MRS. H. E. MONROE, 1706 Vine street, Phila, expects to spend March in Pittsburg. She has a fine line of illustrated lectures. Subjects: Modern Germany, Life of Luther, Christ in Art, Official and Literary People of Washington, Review of the Civil War, Beyond the Mississippi, Tenperance and a pair. England. Having a few dates untaken Mrs. Monroe will be pleased to arrange with charches and societies for one or more lectures.

Bishop Newman says: "The pictures are superb and the lectures delightful." s

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. C. F. Davis, editor of the Bloomfield,

Fitzsimmons, was implicated in the bur-glary, as he was seen and identified the day Ia., Farmer, says: "I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to all sufferbefore the robbery by scores of people who knew him as a sewing machine agent here. He was seen in the vicinity of Gordon's lumber yard by several well-known people ers with colds and croup. I have used it in my family for the past two years, and have found it the best I ever used for the purposes for which it is intended." 50-cent here. He was accompanied by a stranger, and it was thought at the time that they bottles for sale by druggists. TTSSu

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