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VERY POOR GUESSING.

The testimony of Assistant Secretary Spaulding before the House Ways and Means Committee, regarding the receipts and expenses of the Treasury, has required the publication of a sequel, which verifies one portion of his first statement but indicates the insufficiency of the rest. Mr. Spaulding stated that the business of making estimates comprised a large amount of guesswork, and his supplemental statement verifies that point as applied to his own figures, while it indicates that the figures themselves were not as reliable as they ought to be.

After considering the subject for two weeks Mr. Spaulding now concludes that he must include in the expenses of the Treasury the amount necessary for the redemption of national bank notes. Considering that Congress authorized the use of the trust fund deposited in the Treasury for the redemption of national bank notes, it would appear to be a natural reflection that the first estimates of the expenses of the Treasury should include the amount necessary to provide for the redemption of bank notes that may be presented. As the estimate did not include the \$10,000,000 which the Assistant Secretary conceded would be required for the sinking fund, this changes the first estimate of a surplus revenue of \$7,000,000 to a deficit of \$10,250,000 without counting a further discrepancy of \$9,000,-000 between the estimates of Secretary Foster and his assistant on the sinking fund requirements.

This certainly puts the business of estimating very decidedly in the light of guesswork. The peculiarity of it is that while guesswork may be necessary as to some branches of Government expenditure, the points on which the guessing was omitted altogether were those where it required very little conjecture to know that the Government would have to meet positive and lawful claims which cannot be neglected without damage alike to its credit and honesty.

Government officials, if they are to run ter guessing than that.

duty to enforce the statutes, such a scheme as this will afford an excellent opportunity to determine whether corporate edicts are superior to the statutes of Congress.

THE ELECTORAL QUESTION.

Among the measures bearing on national elections produced by the present session of Congress is a bill introduced by Mr. Mc-Aleer, of this State, dealing with the election of Presidental Electors. Mr. Mc-Aleer does not propose the simple and radical change of abolishing the Electoral College altogether and electing the President and Vice President by direct popular vote. On the other hand, he proposes a sort of compromise between the constitutional theory and the actual practice.

This compromise takes the form of a bill providing that the Electoral College shall consist of one elector from each Congresional District, to be chosen by the voters of the district; two electors representing the Senators, to be voted for by the qualified citizens of the State; one elector for each State and Territory, including the District of Columbia, to be elected on a general ticket voted by the qualified voters of the entire nation. Under this plan the Electoral College would contain 356 chosen by Congressional districts; 88 elected by popular vote in each State, and 45 chosen on a national ticket, making a

total of 489. The first objection to this proposition is as to its form. It proposes to effect by an act of Congress what requires a constitutional amendment. The next is that while it affords a degree of progress toward doing away with the paradox of an election by which the candidate receiving a majority of votes may be defeated, it does not wholly do so. The 88 votes chosen by the States may hold the balance of power and affect the result exactly as the present system does. The Electors chosen by Congressional districts may represent skill in gerrymandering rather than the popular will. The temptation to gerrymanders will be materially increased by this method, and one of the most obvious results would be the redistricting of each State by the dominant party before each Presidental election, on the plan now exemplified by

New York and Ohio. The great mistake of such a proposition is that it fails to recognize the lesson of our history. The constitutional theory was that the election of the President and Vice President should be removed from the influences of popular campaigns by resting the choice in Electors who were to be chosen for that purpose, and were expected to exercise a free choice without bias from the circumstances of their election. Experience has proved the theory to be impracticable. The whole system comes.down to the foundation stone of the popular will. The Electors as long as they exist will be, not free agents, but simply puppets. Why not recognize existing facts and do away with the electoral machinery that gives a voter in Idaho or Rhode Island six times the power of a voter in New York or Pennsylvania in choosing a President.

The entire logic of our political system points to the election of President by direct vote of the people. When the Electoral College has utterly failed to do the work for which it was constituted it is high time to sholish it

WHAT WAS HONORED.

Pittsburg paid due honors vesterday to the memory of a citizen whose reputation and friendship were prized to a wider circle here than could perhaps be affirmed of men of much more marked prominence. the finances on guesswork, must do bet- A soldier whose courage and devotion were ideally chivalric, a politician whose

casualty of the sort which throws a clear light on that vital subject. The fact that few boilers are now constructed to guard against explosions, in accordance with this theory, is a sufficient evidence of the neces-

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sity of keeping it before the public. GOVERNOR FLOWER'S revised declaration, "A full treasury breeds rats," has strong verification in the fact that a bill was recently railroaded through the New York Legislature which, under cover of changing the method of corporation reports, relieves corporations from taxation on persona property. As the Governor signed this bill with the same promptitude that marked its passage, it would be public economy to secure as one of the adjuncts of the executive office a first-class ratter.

PORTUGAL'S financial condition is very erious. Its debt is twice as much as that of Egypt when that country was put under control, and its bankruptcy is a menace to the Paris bourse.

THE proposal for the improvement of the discipline of the Established Church, "in re-gard to moral offences," will do little or nothing to delay disestablishment. As com-pared with the total of "non-conformists" the Anglican Church is composed of a minority of the population. The majority will not much longer consent to a state of affairs which gives a position in the legislative body to the clergy of the minority sim-ply by virtue of their religious office.

NEW YORK intends to knock out the obleart" or to grow rich at its expense, as it is proposed that sparring exhibitions in that city shall be taxed to the tune of \$2,000 a night.

IT is better to be born dull and without ability to appreciate a joke of any kind, than to have a mistaken sense of humor which confounds fun and cruelty. The nan who gets amusement from slipping a hot coin down a small boy's back is a relic of the dark ages and a disgrace to his day and generation.

In its adoption of the new rules Congress showed no inclination to be satisfied with the "rule of three," whether the three were Hill, Gorman and Brice, or any other triumvirate.

THE termination of the New York Life Insurance controversy by the retirement of President Beers on a salary of \$37,500 a year, is likely to provoke a good many doubts in the minds of some people whether it is bet-ter to be right than to be President of a great life insurance company.

MANY young people will regret that sun spots are not accompanied by similar phe-nomena on the face of the moon; they would be so much more interesting to study

A RELIEF fund for the Russian sufferers has already reached seven hundred dollars at Johnstown, and it is expected that it will be doubled. Pittsburg might be able to alford something, in spite of heavy assessments, if Mayor Gourley would make an ap-

Now that the House has reached the point of considering the President's message, care must be exercised to avoid con fusion between the two editions.

SENATOR HILL'S old declaration. "I am a Democrat," seems by recent steps to have undergone emendation. The Senator's flats concerning the management of the party amount to the practical proclamation "I am the New York Democracy."

A MAN on trial for embezziement is in a bad fix when he bases his defense on the alleged unconstitutionality of a law that he helped to pass.

THE New York Legislature might learn something from the speed of the electrocu-tion process. The end is quick enough, but there is something wrong with a system which allows a man to escape death for two years after his conviction.

PUBLIC officials should take warning

CHICAGO OPENS ITS DOORS HYMENAL CHAINS To Show Congressmen How Their Fevors Bind Two Hearts Together at Point Breeze

THURSDAY,

DISPATCH.

Have Been Duly Apprediated. Church-Concert for the Benefit of a

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.-Arrangements Scho'arship at the Pennsylvania College for the visit of the members of the Fifty -A Chronicle of Social Events. second Congress to Chicago on Washington's A PRETTY wedding, such as should satisfy birthday, for the purpose of inspecting the World's Fair site and buildings in course of he most fastidious taste, took place last construction, are now complete, and the night in Point Breeze Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Mr. Benham officiating at the cere-mony, which united Miss Carrie Paisley and formal invitations were to day issued by Chairman Duburow, of the Committee on Mr. Graff. The church was prettly arthe World's Columbian Exposition. Hon. A. T. Ewing, Chairman of the Chicago Citiranged with flowers by Patterson, and, itself dainty edifice, its beauty was much enzens' Committee, has arrived in this city as hanced thereby. The ceremony was sol-emnized at 5:30, and by that hour Fifth a personal bearer of the invitations, which read as follows: "The citizens of Chicago have the honor to invite the Senators and avenue was lined with carriages of attendant guests. The Fifth avenue entrance of the church was for the general visitors, the side entrance being used solely by the wedding party and the house guests. The ceremony, with the ring observance, though very simple, was replete with beauty and solemnity, the clergyman charging the

young couple with their duty both earnestly and clearly. The bridal ,party consisted of dren, a little page, and a flower girl and the best man. Miss Paisley looked extremely striking in her wedding gown, and a slight paleness, notice-able as she returned from the altar, accentuated the fair purity of her com-plexion. She is tall, with almost flaxen hair, and is considered one of the hand-somest girls in Pittsburg. She is also very popular, and many good wishes for her future could be heard expressed in all di-rections last night. The church was filled with people, some of which were compelled to stand by reason of the fact that the church is hardly large enough for a wedding, as weddings gonowadays. Unfortunately, too, the alsies are scarcely large enough at parts for a procession to pass conveniently along. Many pretty gowns were worn at the church by those afterward attending the re-ception given by Mr. Paisley at his house. Mr. and Mrs. Graff left last night for the East. tremely striking in her wedding

read as follows: "The citizens of Chicago have the honor to invite the Senators and Representatives in Congress to visit the city of Chicago on Monday, the 22d day of February, 1892, to examine the work now in progress for the World's Columbian Exposi-tion authorized by act of Congress approved April 25, 1890." A similar, invitation has been insued to the press representatives at the National Capital, and includes every news-paper man whose standing entitles him to admission to the press galleries of the two Houses of Congress. The visitors will leave Washington by special train Friday after-noon, February 19, over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and arrive in Chicago Satur-day afternoon about 3 o'clock. The return trip will be made over the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the excursionists will reach Washington early Wednesday morning, the 24th. The Pullman Palace Car Company has already made arrangements to check all baggage from Washington direct to the hotel at which each guest is to be accommo-dated during the visit, so as to save all trifting annoyances. Chairman Ewing stated this evening that the idea of inviting Congress to visit Chi-cago had its origin at an after-dinner talk at the house of one of the principal citizens of Chicago, and this has grown into a great citizens' movement. The motive which in-spired this invitation was that of gratitude of the citizens of Chicago, who fully appre-ciate the great international exposition, the greatest event of this generation, and they desire that the national repre-sentatives shall come and see for themselves how faithfully the trust is being executed. The desire of the citizens is that the instinal shall be re-ceived in the spirit in which it is given, and has time spent in an agreeable and in-structive manner. Particularly is it desired by the citizens of Chicago to remove the im-pression that the coming event has any connection whateryer with the proposed apresterday accompanied by her husband, Mr. structive manner. Particularly is it desired by the citizens of Chicago to remove the im-pression that the coming event has any connection whatever with the proposed ap-propriation for the World's Columbian Ex-position. The World's Fair directory and officials have no connection whatever with the present affair, which is being conducted exclusively by the private but public-minded citizens of the city of Chicago.

A MAINE LIQUOR CRUSADE.

All the Dealers in Bangor Must Settle With the State or Go to Jail.

BANGOR, ME., Feb. 10.-[Special.]-For some days past it has been rumored about the streets that the grand jury at the present term of the Supreme Judicial Court of Penobscot county would report indictments against every person in city who held : United States license for selling liquor, the fact of their having paid the special tax being considered prima facie evidence of

guilt. The rumor was generally discredited, for the liquor dealers have long gone prac-tically unmolested in this city. When the grand jury came in this forenoon, however, they reported 244 indictments for the criminal term, over 200 of which are against

liquor dealers, and a great sensation was created in the crowded courtroom. Every druggist, hotel keeper and liquor

A few words regarding the object of the concert, which is the first entertainment of a projected series. Particularly is there one agreeable phase about the purposed Helen E. Pelletreau Scholarship. The name of the dealer in the city has been indicted, together with the keepers of several notorious dives and various small peddlers of the stuff. Great excitement prevails among the liquor dealers, from the opulent McCanns and Maguires to their small customers in the E. Pelletreau Scholarship. The name of the beneficiary will be known only to the prin-cipal of the college, on whose judgment the committee of the fund are entirely willing to rely, and if pill it should be to any young woman to be alded in this way, surely all that delicacy can do to sugar-coat it has been done. To illustrate this, one of the committee tells a story. One of the cleverest young students at the Pennsyl-vania College until recently was the dangh-ter of wealthy parents, but by the ups and downs of the American world of commerce, she found herself recently, within a few and Maguires to their small customers in the purlicus of Hancock street and the Devil's Half Acre, for one and all will have to walk up and settle from one to three cases. The great majority will have to pay \$100 and costs, but some may go to jail under the new law, although this is not probable. A number of the poorer runsellers will have to go to jail for a couple of months on ac-count of inability to pay their fines, and Bangor jail, which was in prohibition times the home of so many liquor dealers, will shelter a fair quota of that class of offend-ers arain.

ers again. The druggists are indignant at the action

OUR MAIL POUCH.

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What Is Meant by an Age? To the Editor of The Dispatch:

In your comments in Sunday's DISPATCH of February 7, on Prof. Totten's theories we notice the following: "Lieutenant Prof. Totten is famous for his deductions from astrology and scripture, either that the world is coming to an end or that the millennium is at hand: we are not quite con fident which is indicated by his vaticina-

tions." Now, will you allow your humble servant to state to a certainty his meaning? To our mind he stated his bellef very clearly, when he said that he believed "the earth would abide forever," and that it was the end of the age which

would abide forever," and that it was the end of the age which he is expecting. There are few people, we believe, who understand just what is meant by the scriptural meaning of the word "age." (See Young's concordance.) An age is any period of time which God sees fit to set apart for a purpose; for instance the Hebraic age was the period of time in which God dealt exclusively with that peo-ple; passing by all other families of the earth (Amos 3.2.) That age commenced at the death of Jacoh. At his death his is sons were first called tribes and became a mation, (Gen. 49.28). It ended at the cross, and was 1.85 years long. (See Millenial Dawn, vol. 2, pages 231-232.) Before the Hebraic age we had what is termed the patriarchal age. In it God dealt with one man at a time-Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. At the cross the present gospel age becan, and this is, we think, what Prof. Totten is expecting will end soon with the coming of Christ. No doubt yon already know how different the work of the Hebraic age. That was an age of types and shadows of better things to come (Col., 214-17) i.e., the realities of this age. Fault estifies of ages yet to come in which God will still work and attrew forth the exceeding riches ot his grace (Ephesians 27.) Another point we beg leave to notice is eight ushers, a maid of honor, two tiny chil-

2:7.) Another point we beg leave to notice is the manner in which the millennish age will be introduced. Of course, we believe that when Christ comes it is for the purpose of setting up his kingdom under the whole heavens (see Daniel vii., 13, 14, 37), and it will be in or during "a time or trouble such as was not since there was nation" (Daniel xii., 1). This will necessitate wars such as we never have had the like before. Many prophecies indicate the same trouble. 2:7.) prophecies indicate the same trouble. But we will not consume needless time in referring to them; the student can find them

by referring to his concordance. We only wish to point on the fact that Prof. Totten's practice (by drilling a military company) and theories harmonize from a scriptural standpoint. Mrs. J. M. GELVIN. AVONNORY, PA., February 10.

Wants Rapid Transit Mails.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

As your paper is the exponent of everything that is progressive and for the betterment of our city, and that will facilitate its business interests, I would suggest as a help for the rapid transmittal of the mails from the different outlying portions of the city reached by the electric and cable cars, and between the two cities of Allegheny and Pittsburg, that mail boxes, similar to those placed upon lamp posts or street corners be attached to certain cars to run every 15 or 30 minutes in certain cars to run every 15 or 30 minutes in which letters can be placed by the writers or by the regular mail collectors, which will be thus speedily brought to the city, or car-ried to the outlying districts, or to Alle-gheny, when authorized agents can open the boxes and take the same to the postoffice for distribution or delivery. It would relieve the postoffice of a heavy accumulation of mail at the time when the mail carriers come in from their routes and

mail carriers come in from their routes, and relieve the carrying of much of their burden. relieve the carrying of much of their burden. It can readily be seen how great would be the benefit to all outlying business interests if such a scheme can be adopted. The elec-tric cars running between St. Paul and Min-nenpolis have this plan working very satis-factory. Mail is carried every 16 minutes be-tween the two cities. Why may not Pitts-burg be the first to extend it to a more gen-eral use? I presume the management of the street car lines would willingly allow the same if it did not interfere with their run-ning time. J. L. ANDERSON. Pirrsburg, February 9, 1892.

DIRS PREDICTIONS.

LIEUTENANT TOTTEN, U. S. A., of Yale, believes that the approaching conjunction of Venus and Jupiter betokens the end of the world. Let him believe it: we don't .- Boston

LIEUTENANT TOTTEN thinks that this year marks the beginning of the end, no matter how prolonged. People will not object, providing the end is prolonged indefinitely .-effects. mapolis News. -An infant loses from three to six ounce JUPITER and Venus' made a fine show last in weight during the first four to six days night. The superstitious who believe in asby the seventh day it should have gained it trology along with astronomy are predicting birth-weight: from that to the fifth month i great events to follow. Maybe we will have ought to gain about five ounces per week or about six drachins a day; at the fifti month it ought to have doubled its birth weight, and in 16 months quadrupled it. another war with Chile or a scrap with San Salvador .- Toledo Bee. PROF. TOTTEN, of Yale College, is convinced -There have been several peculiar show from the study of the signs of the times on the earth and in the stars, with the light ers in the United States during the last quar ter of a century; among others, a shower thrown upon them by the Bible, that this year will mark the beginning of the end, no "quivering flesh" in Kentucky; a shower o "quivering flesh" in Kentucky; a shower of shower of small seeds, in Statesburg, South Carolina, in 1882, and a shower of sulphur, it the Indian Territory, in the spring of 1883. matter how prolonged .- Pomona News. JUDITER and Venus appeared in conjunc tion last evening, in the presence of a large -The first pomade was made by macerat and enthusiastic crowd of spectators, and the world still wags. Prof. Totten will have ing over-ripe apples in grease. The wor came from pomum, an apple, because these were first used in the making of hair oint to revise his calculation as to the annihila

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS -There are 32 Roman Catholic peers.

-London has 125,000 male shop a sistants.

-A cluster of Mayflowers was plucks near Machias, Me., on January 20.

-Plants grow faster between 4 and 8 A. 1 than at any other time during the day. -One-sixth of the Postal Departme

business in London is conducted by wome -One of the scholars in a country school at Grayson, Ky., is a Justice of the Peace aged 44 years.

-The Emperor of Germany standstwenty first in the direct line of succession to th British throne.

-To open an oyster the force require appears to be 1,31914 times the weight of th shelless creature.

-The Germans prepare an excellent sul titute for tea from the leaves of the commo strawberry plant.

-The War Department reports the there are 8.567,350 men in the United State who are available for military duty.

-A pretty Sumner, Ill., school teacher few days ago met, became engaged to an married a young man ad within the space (an hour.

-A mathematician has discovered that bleyclist can travel 15 miles over a good ros on his wheel with less exertion than he can walk three miles.

-A single bee, with all its industry energy and innumerable journeys it has perform, will not collect more than a ter spoonful of honey in a single season.

-The Germans have various descriptiv names for the grin such as "blitz-catarch (lighthing catarrh), "schaafshusten" (abee cough), "huebuenziep" (crowing), "mode fieber" (fashionable fever), etc.

-A wealthy old man of Bordentown, N Y., who has been paying \$2 50 a week for board for many years, came to the conclusion that such extravagance must ceas and he has therefore got married.

-The exterior of buildings is now cleane in America by the sandblast instand of th hose. The front is covered with staging, an the blast is applied by a system of pipes an nozzles carried by the workmen.

-Three tons of steam coal represent man's labor for a period of 20 years, and on square mile of a seam of coal, having a dept of four feet only, represents as much work as 1,009,000 men can perform in 20 years.

-According to the figures of Prof. W. J McGee, it is only a question of time whe the slow but never-ceasing inroads of th ocean will engulf many populous cities o the Atlantic seaboard, and perhaps whol

States.

-A man who died in Cincinnati a fe days ago, it is said, had not a single har substance in his body which would indicat that he possessed such a thing as a bone Even his skull "was of a bout the same cor sistency as India rubber."

-Twenty-two acres of land are needed t sustain a man on flesh meat; while the sam amount of land under wheat feeds 42 people under oats, 83 people; under potatoes, India corn and rice, 176 people, and under th plaintain, or bread fruit tree, over 6,00 people.

-The custom of having a court poet-onwhose duty it is to write to order, as it wer -is at present confined to Britain, among civilized nations. In ancient times the cas tom was well-algh universal. Every cour had its poet and painter, as well as its dwar and buffoon.

-About 1887 a horseshoe was found unde the ice of the glacier Theodul, in Switzer land, which led geologists to the idea that

this pass, 3.332 meters high, was formerly no imbedded in ice. This has been further cor firmed by a recent find of coins bearing the likenesses of Augustus and Diocletian. -A remarkable evidence of the extent o

the mice plague in Dumfriesshire, is that or one hill farm in the county one man has during the past five weeks, killed over 32.00 mice. A few weeks sgo large numbers o cats were imported, one farmer having over 100, but they have been found of little or ne need

-Many savage tribes constantly use without harm, the flesh of animals kille with poisoned weapons; and in recent in vestigations with animals killed by variou poisons, such as strychnine, tartarised ant mony and oscine, she flesh was found to b of unimpaired flavor and to produce no il

were first used in the making of main one ment. By and by, however, it was found that the apple was useless in the prepar-tion, and the grease was then employed first alone, but was soon afterward performer

-A wonderful example of patience in the

with the manufacture of salt i

Chinese is afforded by a consular report

Central China. Holes about six inches in

-While the Hytopagi of Ethiopia are

RHYNKLED REYMELETS.

She (sobbing)-Poor little F-F-Fido in

with the finest scents procurable.

deating

another.

Chrisman, and is at the Monongahela House, where she remains during her stay in Pitts burg. At first it had been intended that Mme. Decca should be the guest of her friend, Miss Ewing, who is Secretary of the Scholar-ship Benefit, but illness in the household of the young lady precluded all possibility of so pleasant an event. Last night Mme. Decca was the recipient of many calls, as she has a wide circle of friends in the city, who always

MADAME MARIE DECCA arrived in town

entertain her when an opportuity is afforded them. She is in the best of health and spirits and is looking expectantly forward to a summer tour with the Marine Band, whose avorite soprano she has been for several Arrangements are being planned for a re-

FEBRUARY 11.

Atrangements are being planned for a re-ception on Friday afternoon at the Penn-sylvania College, when the pupils will have the pleasure of meeting the lady who sings tonight at their concert. Miss Pelletreau and the committee have charge of the re-ception. Though it is not intended to issue formal invitations, the reception will not be general to the public, asit would be impos-sible for Madame Decca to meet a large as-semblage of people. Only the publis and a few outside friends will be present. The following is the programme for the concert to-night at Carnegie Hall: (a English-"!! Wasa Decam".

...Cower

-{ a English- "It Was a Dream". b Scotch-"Coming Thro' the Rye". c Irish-"Killarney". c rrish- "Killarney"
2-French- {a "A la Fontaine"
b "Serenade" ("Sing, Sa Sumber")
3-German-"Echo-iled"
-Spanish- 'La Manola"
-American-Balfe ("Sing, Smile

...Verdi

News.

Bourgeo

EFFECTIVE AGITATION.

If the taxpayers continue to interest themselves until Tuesday, they will secure an efficient representation in Councils pledged directly to a reduced millage and to close scrutiny and retrenchment of the appropriations

The argument is made in some quarters that these pledges will not amount to which the community paid to the funeral much, as the sitting Councilmen, not the candidates to be chosen Tuesday, will have the vote on this year's ordinance. This objection is more technical than forceful, ried to a degree which, according Many of the sitting members are candidates for re-election on Tuesday, and these can be reached by clear and determined expressions from the people in their districts. When the people let it be seen that they are pronounced for a given programme their will is sure to be respected. It is only when the people are silent or indifferent that extravagance grows up.

Further, the candidates elected this year will frame future appropriation ordinances; and finally, the ability of taxpayers to send men to Councils to represent their views and interests or a special policy, will, when successfully demonstrated, serve as notice to the City Hall officials that an obnoxious policy cannot be forced through without inviting defeat at the polls.

INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE ABOLISHED

That new agreement between the anthracite roads marks another step in the progress of corporate centralization. The entire business of mining and selling anthracite coal is to be concentrated in the hands of a single corporate combination, and as a preliminary step all individual enterprise or the interference of private corporations in the mining and selling of anthracite is to be wiped out, and all further prosecution of that industry is to be a prescribed and exclusive monopoly of seven railroad corporations.

It is of especial interest to learn that this edict is pronounced by the same syndicate of New York bankers which has twice before undertaken to issue decrees which went beyond the power of either State or Federal sovereignty. As five years ago this plutocratic authority issued the edict that no more competing railroads should be built in Pennsylvania or New York, and three years ago laid down laws for the government of the Western Traffic Association that supplanted the inter-State commerce law, its enactment now that all individual operators in anthracite coal mining shall wind up and go out of business appears in the light of the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revised or amended.

It is stated as one of the beauties of this project that it will relieve the anthracite coal roads of all danger of friction with the Inter-State Commerce law. It is true that when all individual shippers are expunged there can be no complaints of discriminations; but it might occur to the organizers that, as the purpose of the law is to prevent individual shippers from being wiped out, the process of inducing that class to consent to surrender their property and business may run counter to the provisions of the act. Supposing the grand object of annihilating business enterprise to be attained, there might also be ground for inquiry whether there was any application of the provisions of the act of 1890 forbidding exactly such combinations under heavy penalties.

Certainly, if the law officers of the Federal Government have any conception of their too much study cannot be given to every

uprightness and honesty were above suspicion, and a citizen whose career was duties lie. marked by modest and unassuming public spirit, in marked distinction to the

usual pursuit of wealth, William McClelland leaves a memory in honoring which the community honors itself. It is worth while to give a little reflec-

tion to the true meaning of the respect of that brave, modest and noble soldier. It is well known that the conscientiousness of Captain McClelland was carto the ordinary standards, would be considered impracticable. It is hardly a secret that this scrupulousness in his conduct prevented him from rising to as high position in politics and wealth as might have been the case if he had been willing to take the means of success adopted by the average man. Yet it is exactly that extreme conscientiousness to which the public now pays homage. There is great weight in the reflection, now that the end of life has come,' that the satisfaction of no political ambition nor the attainment of any degree of wealth could

have compensated for the slightest deterioration in his extreme and careful honesty. In view of the end of life, is not the memory of William McClelland a better possession than the glittering success of any great politician or wealthy millionaire?

It is at least such a memory that the people of Pittsburg paid their tribute to yesterday. And that is the sort of memory which it is the power of every man to leave to his heirs and his community.

THE THEORY OF IT.

A boiler explosion which took place on the Reading Railroad the other day is an interesting as well as fatal illustration of the theory of boiler explosions, which so far is the only one that fulfills the prime requisite of scientific theories, namely, of agreeing with the facts and of being demonstrated by the experiments.

It is to be remembered that the Lawson theory, brought to the front several years ago, was that boiler explosions result from the high explosive power of superheated water kept under pressure. Thus under normal pressure water passes off into steam at a temperature of 180 degrees. If the pressure is increased the water must be brought to a higher temperature before it produces steam, and if it is thus raised to a superheated state it is plain that the sudden removal of pressure, as by the opening of the throttle, will cause the water to burst into steam with instantaneous rapidity. The Lawson theory, which was supported by some remarkable demonstrations, is that it is this explosive power of superheated water caused by the sudden opening of the throttle or perhaps a safety valve that causes boiler explosions. The account of the locomotive explosion referred to tallies very closely with this theory. The engine was pushing a train out of the yard, and it struck a heavy grade, when the engineer, according to the account, "pulled back his lever to put on more steam. Hardly had he taken his hand from the throttle when the boiler gave way under the extra pressure of

Here, with an unimportant steam." allowance for the inaccuracy of description by one who must give the facts at secondhand, is an exact reproduction of the Lawson method of exploding boilers. As the lives of thousands are daily de-

pendent on a thorough knowledge of the conditions which produce boiler explosions,

the trouble of finding out wherein their

THE Massachusetts Democrats have been so loud-voiced in the proclamation of their immaculateness that they will do well to hurry up with a disproof of the accusations that they received financial aid from the Louisiana lottery fund.

MR. MCCONICA, of Ohio, has struck a forcible blow at the Standard, and he expects his State to strike oil in consequence.

APROPOS of the tollies to which the British press is apt to give vent, some of our have yet to learn that there is a fournal class of offences for which slient contempt is the only method of treatment.

IF nature abhors a vacuum there must be omething very abnormal in the constitutution of the national treasury.

PERTINENT PERSONALITIES.

ONE of the prominent financial experts of London rejoices in the name of Mr. Faithful Begg. MARK TWAIN is seriously ill with influ-

enza at Berlin, and the Bey of Tunis is also ill with the same complaint. MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE arrived

Tuesday afternoon at Nice, and were re-ceived at the station by the Mayor. MISS SARAH ORNE JEWETT, who has lately suffered severely from rheumatism in the eyes, is reported to be much better.

INDIA has sent a missionary to Eugland, Miss Sonderbai Powar, a native high-caste Hindoo, who comes to point out the evils of the opium traffic.

EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR NEWTON BOOTH was married at Sacramento, Cal. Tuesday night to Mrs. Joseph T. Glover, widow of his former partner. MR. REID, the United States Minister,

although still weak from his recent attack of influenza, is able to get to the Unite States Legation, on horseback, daily, THE Empress of Germany is suffering

with an attack of influenza. Though the official statement says that the attack is only a slight one, Her Majesty is compelled to keep to her chamber. RIDER HAGGARD at one time wore a

gold ring taken from the mummy of the Egyptian Queen Taia. In its place his finger now bears a signet ring found with the coffin of Rameses the Great, the Pharaoh of the Oppression.

SHAVED IN HIS SLEEP.

The Queer Freak of a Somnambulist i New York City.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.-Amos Furlong, Kingsbridge, has long been known to his neighbors as a somnambulist. He had made an arrangement to escort his cousin to church in White Plains, but he hadn't shaved in a week, and he knew he would have to arise very early on Sunday morning if he wanted to scrape off the stubble on his chin before starting for White Plains, which is a long drive from Kingsbridge. The responsibility worried him and made him sleep restlessly. He was up as soon as he thonght it was light enough to handle his razor safely, and, looking at his reflection in the glass, he was astounded to find that there was nothing left for him to do. His face was as hairless as a new laid egg, and his slaving materials, which he ordinarily keeps locked up, were lying on the table. A mole that had disfigured his chin was gone, and, though blood bedabbled his face, he is quite satisfied with his somnambulistic achievement. church in White Plains, but he hadn'

The Menagerie Stirred Up.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.] The Tammany tiger, if he is of royal Bengal blood, will have a chance to show his mettle. The menagerie is well stirred up.

Added Honors to the Day. New York Recorder.]

Washington's birthday will become mem orable for a year or so as the anniversary of the death of Mr. Hill's Presidental boom.

of the Grand Juwy In indicting them, but several of the drug stores are common rum shops, and there is no reason why any of them, with possibly two or three exceptions, should be omitted from the list. The larger liquor dealers say that they are satisfied to pay a fine now and then in lieu of a license fee, and deciare that the only cause of the present crusade is a desire on the part of the County Commissioners to fatten the Treasury. Several liquor dealers have left town. The Prohibitionists are in great glee.

CORSETS TAKEN OFF

By Bigh School Girls Who Are Taking Physical Culture Lessons.

WOBURN, MASS., Feb. 10.-[Special.]-The girls at the High School will continue their gymnastics without corsets, knowing that the exercises have been approved by the leading physician of the town, who was a critical observer yesterday. It seems that the complaint was not as widespread as at first represented by the discontented ones, and in view of the fact that the course of gymnastics has received the sanction of physicians, there will be no further trouble over the matter.

The physician who visited the school for the purpose of ascertaining if the girls were being subjected to too severe a strain, sav only some very simple movements consisting of "order movements" and leg move-ments to induce circulation, stain bending movements, etc, for respiration and expand ing the chest and developing the body. The girls wore a regulation exercise suit, which was exceedingly pretty and girlish, and comprised a rather full skirt of navy blue,

comprised a rather full skirt of navy blue, made ordinary length, with a blonse or loose waist of same material, turned down collar and set off with a faunty tie of some bright color, tied in a coquettisn little knot. When asked to state his opinion of the ex-ercises, the medical critic said: "If con-ducted properly, and providing the girls are in good health, no doubt they are most bene-ficial; but the interval between the lessons, which come but once a week, is too long. I think it would be better if they came oftener." ftene

One of the young ladies said she only ob-One of the young ladies said she only ob-jected to the backward movements as it hurt to do them, and she thought it strained her a little. Another young girl, who con-fessed that she was not fond of the physical culture exercises, said: "I would not exert myself to do the exercises if not obliged to, but if they are good for me I have no objec-tion." Another bright girl, active and full of life, was quite enthusisatic over gymnas-tics. She practiced them at home with her sister and evidently took much delight in the exercises. he exercises.

SHE DANCED AND DIED.

lockjaw Brings a Society Belle to an Un timely End,

MOBILE, ALA., Feb. 10 .- Mattie Zweiniger last Friday night attended a ball at the Ger-man Relief Hall and danced the evening through, although her foot pained her from a wound caused by stepping on a nail the afternoon before. The nall penetrated the sole of her shoe, entering the flosh an inch

When told to be careful, that such a wound When told to be careful, that such a wound was dangerous, she said she would go to the ball if she died for it. On Saturday a physician extracted a piece of leather from the wound. It had been driven into the foot by the nail. On Sunday lockjaw set in and Miss Zweiniger died in the greatest agony. She was one of the most popular and beauti-ful women in her social circle.

A GORGEOUS PHENOMENON.

The Heavens Bisected With a Luminou Band and Fire Balls,

LAKE BENTON, MINN., Feb. 10 .- At noon to day a luminous band appeared in the zenith extending from the sun on each side down to the horizon. Four large balls of light, al most as brilliant as the sun, hung at inter-

most as brinkant as the sun, hung at inter-ance of an immense electric light. Bright rainbows intersected the space within the circle. The weather was hazy, though the sun shone brightly all the time. The phenomenon was visible for nearly three-quarters of an hour, after which it faded gradually away.

Working the Soft Pedal.

Omaha World-Herald.] The Vice Presidental boom of Governor Merriam, of Minnesota, seems to be working the soft pedal.

ter of wealthy parents, but by the ups and downs of the American world of commerce, she found herself recently, within a few months of graduation, without the means of paying the remaining tuition fees. The young lady frankly told Miss Pelletrean the state of mairs, and said she must accord-ingly withdraw. Fortunately the needful sum was small, and the young lady can finish her college course by reason of somebody clse's generosity. It is absolutely a private matter between the principal and the pupil. Already a young lady's name is mentioned as the recipient of the scholarship besefits this coming year. She is in a like prodicament, but worse, since her graduation is a year farther off. Her natural parts and her capacity for studying have always attracted her tutors, and it is felt that in her case the seed will be sown in good ground. Another thing. The committee are willing to look upon the scholarship as a loan fund to a young woman thus temporarily pinched, who in alter years is privileged, it she so de-sires and bejable, to refund it. The concert to night is under the wing of

who in after years is privileged, if she so de-sires and be able, to refund it. The concert tonight is under the wing of society as represented by Mrs. George W. Hailman, Mrs. J. M. Schoonmaker, Mrs. E. A. Ford, Mrs. Frank Le Moyne, Mrs. Cort-landt Whitehead, Mrs. James M. Murdoch, Mrs. Jos. N. Dividson, Mrs. William Scott, Mrs. W. J. Holland, Mrs. M. W. Acheson, Mrs. S. Maivin, Mrs. H. C. Bughman, Miss M. J. Fike, Miss S. H. Kullikelly, Mrs. Ernest Schwartz, Mrs. William H. Daly, Mrs. Oliver McCintock, Mrs. T. M. Jones, Mrs. Charles Lockhart, Mrs. E. M. Ferguson, Mrs. Thomas Milton, Mrs. Jarvis Adams, Mrs. W. N. Frew, Mrs. George W. Dilworth, Mrs. James W. Grove, Mrs. George A. Kelly, Mrs. J. J. Van-dergrift and Mrs. Dewees Wood, cannot be other than successful. Mr. Edmund Boyle, Mr. Thomas J. Hartley, Mr. Charles S. Wise, Mr. C. De Moos Emmons, Mr. David Stewart, Dr. Stuart Patterson and Dr. Small will act as ushers. It was said a few days ago that nearly every seat had been sold.

IT was rather amusing to note the many pursed-up mouths in the church last night during the Rev. Mr. Benhams' admonitor council to Miss Paisley and Mr. Graff. Several wives forgot that they were in church and looked at their husbands in a ort of a furious fashion, as though they would say, "Do you think I would obey you, when I know you haven't half as much sense as I have." It appears that Mr. Bensense as 1 have." It appears that Mr. Ben-ham dwelt more particularly upon that part of the marriage ceremony teaching that the husband is over his wife, as Christ is over his Church, than clergymen of these days ansally venture to do, in view of the fact that many of their fair parishoners are protesting loudly against it. Oue young lady, who is said to be engaged, gave an in-dignant snort, and said that Mr. Benham should never officiate at her wedding. An-other sweet damsel weepingly declared that all her enjoyment in looking forward to marriage in the abstract was destroyed for-ever. Intenial evening and science to the in the start you bealth. He was 70 years old, graduating from Union college in 1835. He made teaching his jife work, and was a frequent contributor to scientific magnaines. He was a professor in Miama Univer-sity, Oxford, O., when President Harrison was a student there and came to Wooster in 1870. ever.

Social Chatter

Miss ELLA HAY's green luncheon on Tues-day for her triend, Mrs. Updegraff, unfor-tunately lost much of its attraction through the absence of the guest of honor, who was forbidden by her physician to leave her room. Miss Hay's iuncheons are always de-lightful, but the absence of Mrs. Updegraff wars somewhat disconcerting. naturally was somewhat disconcerting.

Instituting with some what disconcering. Invitations were issued yesterday for the wedding of Miss Stella Brennen and Mr. Jo-seph G. Vilsack on Wednesday, February 24, at 5 o'clock. The ceremony will be per-formed in St. Agues' R. C. Clurch on Firth avenue. At-home cards for Fridays after March 15 at 504 O'Hara street, East End, ac-company the invitation. SIE JAMES CAIRD, K. C. B., F. R. S., the noted English agriculturist, died yesterday.

company the invitation. BEV. ADAM CHAMPERS, of New York, will deliver his celebrated lecture on "Pilgrims' Progress" in Nixon Street Baptist Church Thursday evening, February II. The lectures was delivered four times in Mr. Spurzeon's Tabernacle, in London, and was alluded to by that great preacher in the most flatter-ing way. HERR LOHMAN, managing director of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, is dead at Bremen. DR. GEORGE W. RILEY, President of the Har-

ing way. CHANCELLOB HOLLAND will make an open-ing address at the Marie Decca concert this evening. Miss Decca has experienced many chairmen in her day, but seldom will she find herself in such agreeable circumstances as those which permit of the popular Chan-cellor's introduction to night. (Me.) Theological Seminary, died Tuesday night, He is the author of a volume of lectures on "The Evidence of Christian Experience" and of "The Life of Prof. Henry B. Smith," now in press. CHARLES DESMONTS, acting manager of the Paris Bouffee Theater, and M. Millerau, a prominent musical critic and editor, died in Paris re-cently. The widow of the famous French comedian, Bouffe, is also dead in that city at the age of 87.

A SUPPER, which they say will be a very good one, and doubtless will be, since church good one, and doubtless will be since church people seem to understand the needs of the creature as well as of the soul, is to be given in St. John's Episcopal Church Thursday evening, February 18. The usual concomi-tant bazaar will be present. sins. L. H. ROGERS, of Adger, near Birming-ham, Ala., died Taesday night, aged 105 years. Deceased went to Alabama from North Carolina 52 years ago. Until her fatal illness she was never seriously sick. She leaves a large family in Jeffer-son county.

Miss H. M. CONNOR'S Egyptian entertain-ment will be given at the Central R. P. Church on Tuesday evening, February 16, Miss Connor is a returned missionary from Egypt, and has many interesting things to tell about that always fruitful subject. Monday. He was 85 years o.d. In 1828 Mr. New-man entertained Lafarette. He was once Warden of the Connecticut State Prison and served one

MR. AND MRS. FRED FISHER, of Homewood, leit on Tuesday night for a trip of two months' duration through the South.

MRS. MAX J. BECKER, of Ellsworth avenue, intertained iriends at luncheon yesterday. MRS. JOHN H. DALERLL and Miss Dalzell gave a party last night for Miss Small.

Number of Uncle Sam's Employes.

tion of things .- Boston Herald.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10 .- The first volme of the Blue Book for 1891 shows that there are employed in the postal service of the United States, in all espacities, 184 431 persons, and in all other departments of the Government, 62,863 persons, making a total

DEATHS HERE AND FLSEWHERE.

Mrs. Nancy Allison, Centenarian.

contrait china. Index about six inches in diameter are bored in the rock by means of a primitive form of iron drill, and some times a period of 40 years clapses before the coveted brine is reached, so that the work is carried on from one generation to consthem. Mrs. Nancy Allison Frost, who was perans the oldest resident of Ohlo, died early yesterday morning at her home near Marietta in the 108th year of her age. Mrs. Frost was born in said to have had the power of jumping from tree to tree, there exists a people who never Fayette county, Pa., October 22, 1784. When she Fayette county, Pa., October 22, 1784. When she was but 5 years of age, in 1739, her father, re-moved with his family to Marietta, then but just settled and the only settlement west of the Ohio river. Two years later the usenorable Indian war of 1791-85 broke out, and the four years of its con-tinuance were spent by the Allison family in one of the block houses of the historic Campus Martins. For many years prior to her death Mrs. Frost was the only survivor of that period. Except a slight deafness, the possessed all her faculties to the end, and both read and sewed without the aid of glasses. saw a tree, shrub or leaf. This peculiar race was discovered by Sir John Ross, in latitude between 76 and 77. So ignorant were they of the properties and weight of wood, that, seeing a beam lying across the deck, they attempted to lift if, and were surprised to find they could not do so. saw a tree, shrub or leaf. This peculiar race

Prof. O. N. Stoddard. O. N. Stoddard, emeritus professor of

Mabel Ball Hayes, Manager.

Obituary Notes.

Mus. L. H. ROGERS, 'of Adger, near Birming

throughout Southern Connecticut, died at Mianu

RICHARD SWEETMAN, an English comedian dis

AUGUSTUS R. NEWMAN, known as

term in Congress.

nal fame, is dead in Paris.

He (calmiy)-Well, my dear, that dog never did like me. I can't say that I am altogether sorry. She-N-no, neither am I. I've got you left, and natural science in Wooster University, died sud-denly yesterday morning. He was at a concert Tuesday evening and seemed to be in his usual good esides, black is awfully becoming to me. -. Ne York Herald.

The letter, H he knows always-

Mabel Hall Hayes, the English actress Mrs. Goode (to tramp)-If you'll step and manager, died recently in London at the age or 43. She had been before the public a quarter of a century and had traveled over the world, even to South Africa, where she played with Disney Roebuck and also managed a theater. In later years she had managed melodramatic companies on tours of England. She was the wife of R. J. Hail. o the side door I'll see that you get a gen mch.

Tattered Timmy-I don't mind the lunch generous, ma'am, of you'll only be so yourself. Can't yer make it square by givin' me a dimer-Harpers' Bazar.

Mrs. Grayneck-Now you must listen Mr. salpinx: my daughter's going to sing her las HENRI BANDRILLART. & French coonomist of

Salpinx-Thank heaven !- Boston Courier. Of all the languages of earth From English back to Greek There's none that's universal quite. Not even Volapuk. Except-oh, yes, there is just one are known in all earthly walks - it is the soft, persuasive tongue

risburg National Bank, died in that city Monday evening. He was a prominent financier and identified with many enterprises. That ready money talks. -New York Herald. PROF. LEWIS FRENCH STEARNS, of the Bangos

Uncle Treatop-Seems to me they have a urious way at my hotel. William Ann-What has gone wro

While Ann-What has gone wrong? Uncle Treetop-When I wrote my name on the register, the man yelled "front;" but the fool boy put me in a room commanding a skylight view of the elevator shaft.-Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly. Mrs. Billson-Mrs. Struckit affects the

atique in her house decoration. Mrs. Dagget-Yes, she told me the other day she was heart-broken because she couldn't get the shades of her aucestors for the parlor windows,-

Each night, before he married her,

In evening dress he'd call. But now in slippers and shirt sleeves He promenades the hall. —*clothier* and Furnish

She had been trying for 20 minutes to en-

She had been trying for 20 minutes 16 en-terian him with the gossip of the neighborhood. "Aw, Miss Quicksten," he said, "cawel we aw -talk about something fwesh?" "Why, yes, Mr. De Swelinut," she answered with an congaring nulle. "Teil me about your-self. How do you manage to pass the Unit these dull days?"-Chicago Tribune. RICHARD SWERTMAN, in Lagian comenian, dis-tinguished for his work in Wilson Barrett's sup-port, is dead in London, aged 64. James Houston, a Scotch comedian of note, died in Glasgow recent-ly, and Tom Squire, an English music-hall singer and composer of international repute, has passed away in Melbourne, Australia,

company the invitation.