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THE CANAL IN STATE POLITICS. Will the improvement of our waterways, especially the building of a canal from the lakes to the Ohio, be an issue in our State politics this year? We rather think so. Though the contest for President must make the State sure for the Republicans, there will be a tremendous struggle for the Legislature. The United States Senatorship is at stake; the fight for it has beenin. None of the ambitious aspirants can afford to throw away points. The immense interests of Western Pennsylvania to be subserved by a ship canal will be courted and patted upon the back from

all quarters. But even aspiring politicians will not long heip those who do not care to heip have no such direct interest to the people themselves. If the people who are to be benefited by the ship canal do not care to twenty-two years of republican governsee that candidates for the Legislature are pledged to get State recognition and aid for it, and further, to send to the United States Senate a man committed to the project, they cannot look for these things,

Now is the time for the people to arouse their energies and give the canal a boost by demanding that the approaching Republican State Convention clearly and expressly pledge the party to support the canal construction. Don't forget this at the county conventions next month,

UNNECESSARY FILIBUSTERING. The appouncement from Washington

that the opponents of free coinage will resort to filibustering to prevent the passage of the Bland bill indicates an unnecessary waste of public time and money.

The coinage issue might as well be set-WHERE WAS THE PATRIOTISM? tled by the ultimate appeal to the people In an article on "National Defense" the this year as at any other time. That can New York Tribune quotes the Herald, of only be done by drawing the issue so the same city, to the effect that if we had clearly that it will be decided by the vergot into a war with Chile we would have a dict of the people. The promptest, clearnavy without battleships, and an army est and most economical way of defining maneuvred by old tactics and armed the issue is to let the bill pass the House, with obsolete weapons." The Tribune which is a foregone conclusion; pass the after indorsing this statement goes on to Senate, which is quite probable, and then say that further weakness would have vetoed by the President, which is a cer- been developed as follows: tainty if it ever reaches him. Before an army could have been transported from California to Valpariso, a fleet

All the time spent in filibustering will not add an iota to the public knowledge of owing to the decline of the American comthe question. The only thing it can accomplish is to give some tenderfooted members of the House and Senate the sidered in a proper state of preparation for hope of escaping the necessity to put war, offensive or defensive, unless it has a themselves on record.

The unique ideas of law and justice which still fin t lodgment in many minds are illustrated by the proposition reported to have been made by the father of the Cooley boys, who are still evading or defying arrest at the hands of the Fayette county Sheriff. It is that if a fair trib is guaranteed the alleged outlaws they will

case for which they are already convicted.
Such a proposition indicates a remarkable ignorance that while a Sheriff cannot give any promise to those whom it is his duty to arrest, the whole system of American law guarantees a fair trial to every prisoner, no malter whether he surrenders

are detrimental to their parochial schools, which are given three times the amount by soft Atlantic navigators. Few sights are grander than usual cars on the part of North Atlantic navigators. Few sights are grander than an iceberg at a safe distance, few dangers more appalling than ice at close quarters.

In answer to the attack made by Congression and Stockale, of Mississippi, Pendleton, of West Virginia, and Mansur, Captam Pratisal to every prisoner, no malter whether he surrenders prisoner, no malter whether he surrenders.

Yet it is not a month since the organs of the public pay the piper. He intends to bowl out competition, and the same life as that from which they came."

case already heard, it is even more remark- | holiday excursion, and an intimation that able to ask the officers of the law to it was not discreet to insist on war, when promise that; but it is no less a matter we could have peace just as easily,"as unwhich might be taken as within the range | American and unpatriotic." If it is Amerof common information that the law allows | ican to urge the nation into a war unnecit wherever there is good reason for it. essary in its cause and likely to result in When it is offered on behalf of the disgrace to the national arms, that indict-Cooley mang that they will come in from | ment is true. But it surely cannot be their mountain fastnesses and give them- more patriotic to urge such a disastrous

ALL! GHENYS LOUE.

growth of outlawry.

manent change.

Northside.

GOLD AND SHIVER SPECULATION.

the amusement of betting on and corner-

The New York Tribune warns Wall

tell them that stock gambling is not in

That the speculators will at once com-

will therefore represent the fall of our

speculation will be really a speculation in

Although the speculation in silver,

mutato nomine, may be more general than

heretofore, it will not be a new thing.

Less than two years ago the attention of

the country was called to the fact that

lating in silver at about the same time

EDUCATION IN SELF-GOVERNMENT.

The crisis which has led to the resions,

tion of the French Cabinet is a little diffi.

cult for the average American to under-

stand. It grew out of the long-standing

Church and State. As the French Minis-

try held its majority in the Chamber by

ssue, its efforts to steer a middle course

take their political changes peaceably.

considered any nearer the ideal than our

Ministry and with much less noise than

attends a Congressional election in this

This illustrates the educational effect of

representative government. There is no

way in which a nation can learn to govern

transports would have been required, and

mercial marine these would not have been

flect of tast merchant steamers which can be converted into an nuxiliary navy. If

nostilities had arisen Chile would have em-

ployed the fine vessels of its national line as

cruisers and transports, and the United States would have had no merchant vessels

on the Pacific scaboard equal to them for

war purposes. If there should be a similar

emergency on the Atlantic side there would

be no merchant fleet under the American

maritime power. If an army, moreover, had

flag available in a war with any European

been sent to Chile and the American baval

itself more surely than by doing it.

necessarily resulted in disaster.

problem in Europe of the relations of

they were legislating on it.

speculative mind.

SLIVET.

already guarantees, we are permitted to will avert it. infer an ignorance of the principles of | If the Tribune was not among the justice which may serve to explain the organs which assailed the loyalty of all who refused to swell the jingo howl for war, we have failed to observe in its columns any reproof of its cotemporaries The resignation of Mayor Wyman was for adopting that course. Now that the the natural and easiest result of the diswar cry is over, however, it permits itself closures and proceedings that had pre- to state facts which prove that the true ceded it. It is a legitimate expectation welfare of the country was regarded by that this recognition of the inevitable will | those who held that war is not an enterrender it less necessary to apply severe prise to be lightly undertaken.

selves up on the promise of what the law | conflict than to advocate the course which

measures, than if the Northside municipality had been forced to deal with a RESULTS OF FAMINE. Mayor who persisted in maintaining him-About a month ago the London Lancet, self in office after conviction of grave misin considering the Russian famine, suggested that the distress was likely to cause The vital question for Allegheny citiplague and pestilence in Russia, and even zons now is what sort of a Mayor shall be raised a question "whether these terrible chosen to fill the vacancy. It has been evils may not travel further, and Russia evident to every observer that the source | become a center of contagion that will of the scandals of which this is the end | spread to other parts of Europe, or perhaps has been that the principle of selection | to Asia." The fact that the reality even in Allegheny politics did not make high goes beyond the suggestion is brought character and good business ability a home to us when Pittsburg is obliged to use all precautions against the spread of fice. The Mayoralty was rated too low. disease brought here at second hand This political vice cannot be abolished by from the famine stricken districts of a single exposure. The universal partici- Russia.

pation of the best citizens, the discarding This is a demonstration that we cannot of party lines in favor of honesty and char- separate ourselves from the calamities of acter as the issue, and the constant acother parts of the world, the reverse of the tivity of the reform element will all be tardily-moving relief from this country. necessary to establish a radical and per- In this respect it is interesting to note that history is repeating The future of Allegheny's city govern- itself. In the winter of 1788-9 France ment rests with her citizens. The good suffered from famine, perhaps not result of the late exposures will be to so widespread as that now devastating stimulate the best elements of citizenship | Russia. Mr. Jefferson was then Minister into activity. Under that stimulus it is to France, and his report caused prompt possible to hope for a new regime on the | shipment from this country of some 35,000 barrels of flour, which sensibly relieved the distress. If the United States would do as much for Russia now, in proportion Already there is talk in Wall street to its multiplied wealth and productiveabout a gold premium, with premonitory ness, it might be the most effective means symptoms of a tendency to speculate on the fluctuations of that staple. This is an of stopping the tide of typhus-laden

wretchedness toward our ports.

The historical parallel can hardly fail to suggest another one. The hunger of France was one of the inspiring causes of the French Revolution. The famine in Russia may yet produce the same effect, with a Reign of Terror, enhanced in its horrors by the tyranny from which it is the reaction.

In that across the gulf of 33,000,000 miles which is even the object is so ittile felt. The mornings and the evenings come in their worder, the seasons progress in their wonted succession and terrestrial nature pursues the even tenor of her way. It could not well be otherwise. Animated life—especially the higher forms of animated life—can only respond to stable conductions; they simply are not during the reign of ebuilition and commotion. No form of life can be cognizant of what is now transpiring on the sun. It is wretchedness toward our ports. indication that the gambling element of the financial center are ready to turn to ing gold, just as they now do with stocks, street that gold gambling is not in order. As a general declaration of principle this the reaction.

would be about as effective as if it should HERE is the Philadelphia Ledger still order. The logic of it, however, is based stating that lowness of water in a locomo-tive boiler was the direct cause of an exploon the fact that there will be no gold premium until free coinage is enacted; and sion, when the Munichl experiments once for all demonstrated beyond doubt that no there cannot be free comage while the well-made boiler can be exploded in this President holds the veto power. That manner, though it be heated to redness and the gold premium will come if we ever then have cold water turned in. The reach free coinage of the present silver amount of ignorance on this matter, nearly dollar is recognized even by Mr. Bland. twenty years after the demonstration, is truly deplorable.

mence betting on the rise and fall of the CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER has added to gold premium and follow by trying to his reputation for fair-mindedness and abilmanipulate the market is beyond dispute his remarks on his daughter's marto those who know the nature of the riage, which amount to an acknowledgement of the supreme claims of love. Cupid Nevertheless, we think those who look should rule and not cupidity.

for a revival of the gold speculation of a A BILL has been introduced in the New generation ago will be disappointed. In Jersey Legislature "making it lawful for passengers on street cars to refuse to pay fare until provided with seats." If such a fact, in this respect the change will not be very great from the present one. The gold premium, if it comes, will represent mensure were adopted in this city it would be interesting to note the increase of kicking, which would result from having to wait there is reason to believe that the stock for cars rather than being allowed to pay for

> CHICAGO will now undertake the contra of capturing Congress with wining and nrally will be that \$5,000,000 appropriation or loan, under which name it may smell a little sweeter, to the lawmakers.

Ture Real Estate Convention will show a wise appreciation of their interests by adopting the resolution offered by one of sundry emment Congressmen were specu-lating in silver at about the same time committee, with one delegate from each State to act in concert with the League of American Wheelmen in an effort to secure better roads. The League has done good work, and should receive every encouragement and support.

MONOPOLIES are profitable to the mor opolist as evidenced by the \$8,000,000 which were left by the late W. H. Smith, of England, as the result of his sole right to sell literature on most of the English railways.

coantion of elements opposed on this A BILL has been introduced by Repre sentative Mitchell, of Wisconsin, proposing that fifty copies of every book copyrighted The complications of a question which should be deposited with the Librarian of are so entirely exotic to our system will Congress, to be distributed to the leading library in each State. This would be an in iquitous tax on authorship, calculated to of this country as the indication that hinder the growth of American literature, them. ment have taught the French people to

THE President is achieving a reputa-Time was within the memory of most tion for unde-irable prograstination. By people when the resignation of a Cabinet his delay in filling Pennsylvania appointwas expected to produce popular disments and recalling Egan he must be getting through no end of campaign business orders, if not actual revolution. Now, while the politics of France cannot be

It is a disgrace and danger to this city that we have no well equipped hospital for own, Cabinets rise and fall, and the contagious disenses. The matter should not French people take the change more beleft until a serious epidemic takes us un quietly than the English do a change of 'awares, and snows us the folly of want of preparation. No time and no effort should be lost in chaining what is a necessity for mmunity that values its public health.

> THE Representatives who oppose approprintions for Indian education would them selves be the better for a little enlightenment on some topics-justice and economy.

THAT cold wave flag has taken on the hue of smoky atmosphere until a casual ob-server might be pardoned for taking it for the black flag. The Signal Service appropriation should include provision for a naional laundry attachment, in order to avert the suspicion that the Agricultural Department has gone into the piracy business.

UNLESS more energetic measures are taken for the capture of Garza there is every likelihood that his disappearance will become as complete a mystery as that of Char-

THE New York Herald says that "telephone subscribers are worthy objects for public sympathy." We entirely agree with this, and the subscribers have our commis-eration in addition to the amount of pity they expend upon themselves. They sh organize for the redress of their grievances and an increase in their facilities.

BALFOUR'S Irish bill is likely to be conspicuous for its barrenness of good results, but the reason for this is deeper than his a doption of the division of the country into

THE Southern movements of icebergs and

himself or not. As to a new trial of a doubt that a war with Chile would be a strungs of his fiddlers three are to be used for strangulation purposes. Time was when he was described as a joby old soul, but his latest transaction is only a common place

> No doubt the attention of the Congressional visitors to Chicago will be directed to the ten hundred "grade crossings among the other advantages of that city.

Committee to call up the tariff question in the House early week after next. This proof a rise in the price of meat. Now is the time for the supreme usefulness of that French cookery which lays claim to greater gramme would, to some extent, deler con-sideration of the silver question, for the powers of transmutation than were ever silver question cannot be gotten out of the way in advance of that time. The notice of professed by the alchemists of old. the intention to take up the tariff question about March I was made in the Ways and

Paris is undergoing the inconvenience

BALFOUR'S local government appears to be a very useful measure in the capacity of affording something which all parties can condemn with equal virulence.

PRESIDENT HARRISON might get some pointers on second term tactics from President Diaz, of Mexico, who is running for the

THE SOLAR COMMOTION.

Only Fragments Now Bemain of the Great Sunspot—New Ones in View.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

According to the latest astronomical advices, the great sunspot which covered an area of 7,000,000,000 square miles, has broken up and is now represented by about 20 visible fragments. It is also reported that new spots have put in an appearance, but at so vast a distance from the location of the parts of the Republicans to take more time than is really necessary to the consideration of the matter. We will go right along with the tariff, pass a bill if we can, and if we can't pass it, at least do our best in that direction. But I have no doubt we will pass a bill." be considered as altogether new arrivals. This, then, is an interesting epoch for those who take an interest in solar phenomena. and it should, in a special way, afford an opportunity for observers to determine to what extent, it sny, such solar manifestations are responsible for auroral displays on our sky. It is not likely that these fragmentary parts as yet, in their aggregate,

mentary parts as yet, in their aggregate, represent much less surface than did the original in its entirety, and these spots, then, must have, an average area of 7,000,000,000 square miles.

We, who are dwellers on a small sphere of only a few thousand inflies of diameter, and whose surface has been stable during immense periods of time, can have but small experiments. mense periods of time, can have but small conception of the vast surface changes that the present solar aspects imply. And yet, in a lesser way, our little earth was once the seat of fierce igneous activity, of seething rolling billows of incandescent flame, born of the convulsions of our great luminous parent, and inheritor in a small way of that parent's characteristics.

But it is noteworthy, while such tremendous events are transpiring on the sphere from which we derive our light and life, that across the gulf of 23,000,000 miles which separates us, the object is so little felt. The

during the reign of condition and commotion. No form of life can be cognizant of
what is now transpiring on the sun. It is
only in a little, teeble way that we may with
whatsoever intellectual equipment we may
possess, look across and grasp, and then, in
the light of analogy and analysis, apply
what we learn to discover what has taken
place eisewhere.

But the present would be a remarkably
opportune time for a series of displays of
the aurora borealis, were it true, as is
alleged by some who pose as being scientific,
that these displays on the heavens are projected by solar disturbances. There is,
however, a group of simple facts, each
weighted with its own special significance,
from which we may deduce with demonstrable certainty that an aurora is due to a
combination of causes very remote from
spots on the solar disc, and that the recent
display was only a coincidence and not a
solar consequence.

Why is the auroral phenomenon almost
constant in the region of the North Pole?
Why is there a zone there where the magnetic needle is inoperative? Why does the
earth turn on her axis, and why is the motion from west to east?

Here is the field in which we must seek for

tion from west to east?

Here is the fleid in which we must seek for

Here is the fleid in which we must seek for a solution of this problem, and, once understanding this, at least in a general way, one gets to the summit of the matter, and the conditions under which an auroral exhibition may then take place in this latitude becomes a subject of easy comprehension. WAMPUN, Pa., February 19.

ON THE TOP RUNG.

SPEAKER CRISP arrived yesterday mornng at Fortress Monroe for a few days rest. It is reported that Robert Louis Stevenon, the novelist, intends leaving Samoa to

reside in future at Tahita. Kypie Bellew and Mrs. Potter, at last ccounts, were contemplating the lease and inagement of a theater at Calcutta.

ALMA TADEMA, the noted Dutchman who has won such fame as a painter in England, wears a brown mustache and imperial. LADY HENRY SOMERSET, who has been staying in Chicago, has abandoned her projected trip to Japan and will return to England with her son early next month.

THE President has appointed Frank R. ammon, of Oklahoma, to be a commissione from Oklahoma to the World's Columbian Exposition, vice John D. Miles resigned. MULEY HASSAN, the Sultan of Morocco has a strain of Irish blood in his veing, for his great-grandmother was a blue-eyed

daughter of the Emerald Isle, the widow of a British sergeant of engineers. EUGENE FIELD keeps in his house in hicago all of the checks which the Scribners have sent him for royalties on his two books. They aggregate more than \$3,000, and the genial Eugene is preparing to frame

SENATOR MORRILL is the patriarch of Washington whist players. He has a thoroughly scientific knowledge of the game, and once a week at least he gathers about him a set of select players from among his triends in official life.

CURIOUS CAUSE OF ACTION.

An Overhead Wire Electrizes a Lake Preston Man's House, Proofings, S. D., Feb. 19. A newand nove

law question is up for hearing before Judge Andrews. It is a question which has never been adjudicated by any of the courts. It appears that at Lake Preston, S. D. the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad crosses the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad at right angles; that the depots of the respective lines are situated some 25 rods from the crossing; that the railroad companies and the Western Union Telegraph Company have a telegraph line along each of the railways, and as a convenience for the two railroad companies and the tele-graph company a connecting line was run between the two depots.

This connecting line passes directly above the plaintiff's house, but not touching it. No the plaintiff's house, but not touching it. No telegraph poles were set on the plaintiff's premises; the line was so placed against the objections of the plaintiff. In July, 1891, during a thunder storm, the wire was struck by lightning and fell across the plaintiff's house, and through this wire, as plaintiff claims, the electric fluid was conducted to his house and struck the building, stunning

his house and struck the building, stunning and injuring plaintiff. The plaintiff, of course, claims that the apparatus was negligently constructed, but the parties agree that plaintiff would not been injured had it not been for the thunderboit. He has sued the two railroad companies and the telecompanies for damages in the sum of

STANDS UP FOR HIS SCHOOL Captain Pratt, of the Carlisle Indian Semi-

GUR ENVIOUS NEIGHBORS. pary, Denounces a Denomination. CARLISLE, PA., Feb. 19 .- [Special.]-During the session of the Central district of the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance at Gettyswater .- Washington Star. burg, Captain R. H. Pratt, Manager of the Indian School here, accused the Catholic Church of paying Congressmen to attack cal strabism .- Washington Post. the National Indian Schools because they

are detrimental to their parochial school which are given three times the amount

POSTPONED TILL MAY DAY.

The Reciprocity Treaty With Brazil Not

Yet to Go Into Effect. New York, Feb. 19.—[Special.]—The Bra-zilian Consul General, Senor Mucedo, received to day, by the steamship Vigilances, official advices from the Brazilian Govern-ment postponing until May 1, 1892, the decree of November 21, 1891, which was to go into effect January 1, 1892. This decree sets forth the conditions of the reciprocity treaty be-tween the United States and Brazil, and the manner in which merchandise is to be exported. The postponement is due to the strenuous objections made by American ex-

title of the land embracing the town site here has been questioned. In 1811 lands in New Madrid county were submerged by an earthquake. By special act of Congress losers were allowed to locate equal amounts on their lands, then vacant, in the State. All the business part of this town was thus located before any Government survey was

made, and for which no patents have ever been procured.

A. C. Widecomb, an attorney, has filed an application with the local United States Land Office to enter 160 acres of the heart of the city, alleging the New Madrid claim will not hold, as it was laid out previous to a Government survey. A committee of lawyers has been appointed by a Citizens' Committee to investigate the matter.

Other at Pittsburg. New York Sun. 1 Two pictures: First, a newsboy offers a tough a newspaper: the tough kicks him in the stomach; a bystanding back driver gives the tough a good one in the eye; the crowd goes for him, and he makes his escape badly battered. This is in San Francisco-a sad picture of primitive manners and crude civ-

Segond, a man seizes a woman on the street and drags her into an alley followed by the street crowd. He knocks her down, puts his knee on her breast and beats her head on the stones until she is insensible. Thoughtful bystander suggests calling a policeman; active bystander runs for policeman; woman taken to hospital with a fractured skull. This is in Pittsburg, a sad picture of artificial manners and ripe civilization.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

William McWilliams, one of the oldest editors and printers in Westmoreland county, died suddenly yesterday moragig at the Zim-merman House, from the grip. Mr. McWill-lams was 60 years old and was well-known in Pittsburg, having worked in nearly all the offices in this city. In the '70's beheld a responsible posi-tion on THE DISPATCH, and after severing his connection therewith, occasionally contributed to its columns. For 29 years deceased was editor of the Armstrong Democrat, of Kittanning. He founded the Saltsburg Press, one of the liveliest bill to-day providing for a survey of a route for a ship canal to connect Lake Erie at

THE receipts from internal revenue dur-ing the first seven mouths of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, were \$88,700 094, being ending June 30, 1892, were \$88,700 094, being At the time of his death he was Si years of age. He came to this city from Lawrence county in 1834, and since that time has been actively engaged in business up to within two weeks ago. He established the well-known house of J. B. Sherriff, Son & Co., and for the past year has been President of the American Vault Safe and Lock Company, During the war, having sent his three sons to the army, he took quite a leading and active part in the sanitary commission and fair. He was well-known by all the older citizens, He leaves six children to mourn his loss, Harry C., of Texas; Anna M. Taylor, of this city: William J. and Rebbeeca West, of California; Charles F., of this city, and Agnes L. Winterburn, of Elizabeth, Pa. He took quite an active part in building the Westminister Church and was an elder of said church. Funcral services will be held in the church, Buena Vista street, Allegheny, on Monday 22, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mrs, Ann Fletcher McKeage. Mrs. Ann Fletcher McKeage, the last nember of a historic family and the oldest resident of Hollidaysburg, died there yesterday at the age of 95 years, the was the daughter of John age of 95 years, the was the daughter of John Fletcher, a Southern capitain in the Revolution, and her brother. Phillip Fletcher, was a flentenant under Commodore Decatur in the war of latz. The nighton which Francis S. Key composed the immortal "Star Spangied Banner" she was in her homebelow Baltimore within a cannon's shot of the British vessel in which the poet was impriationed. She was also an interested spectator of the bombardiment of Fort Mctleary by the foreign fleet. All these incidents the old lady well remeabered up to the time of her death, and loved nothing better than to talk of the wenderful old days. Capitan John McKeage, who served in the Civil War and whose name is well known in this State, was her son.

The Heroine of Castle Loretto. Mrs. Rose Peyton, aged 75 years, widow of Sergeant Patrick Peyton, formerly of the Sec-Chicago Tribune, 1

John Weir, a brother of County Commissioner Weir and the late Superintendent of Police Gamble Weir, died yesterday afternoon Uniontown. Mr. Weir was 48 years of age and single. His home was in Favette county near Ohio Pyle. For some time past he was foreman in the wagon manufactory of his brother, Commissioner Weir. A short time ago he went to Uniontown on business and getting wet in a rain contracted bronchitis. His death resulted vesterday at the residence in Uniontown of his sister Mrs. Johnston. Commissioner Weir will have the remains brought to Pittsburg and interred beside his other hrother. Gamble Weir, in the family lot in Greenwood cemetery near Sharpsburg.

morning at his home, Gray's Landing, Greene county, after a short illness. Mr. Gray was one of the largest distillers in Western Pennsylvania. His father, Captain William Gray, established the distillers over 30 years ago. He died three years ago, leaving an estate worth \$80,000. His cidest soo, Mr. J. Robinson Gray, inherited the largest part of the estate, and carried on the distillery business up to his death. Mr. Gray was 68 years of age. He was an ardent Republican.

MRS. JANE REDDY, aged 104, died in Cancadea, Allegany county, N. Y., Sunday. She is survived by three daughters, aged 55, 54 and 52 years. ALFRED TRIGGS, a well-known politician and the proprietor of the Union Hotel at Linwood, Pa., died of pneumonia Wednesday night, after a stort

BARNEY E. LEHMAN, aged 60, a prominent citi-

zen of Bethlehem, Pa., died Thursday, He was proprietor of the Lehigh Valley Brass Works and superintendent of the Lehigh Car Company, in Stanton

GRANDMAMA RECALLED. Daughters of the Revolution Spend Some Hours in the Archives of Their Ancestors-A Woman Traveler in Pittsburg on Monday-Mrs. Langley's New

in force yesterday at Mrs. Robert McKnight's —The normal temperature house, where a reception was given to 98142 Fahrenheit; that of fish 772. commemorate the first birthday anniversary of the Daughters of the Revolution. People with grandmothers crowded the parlors as thick as peas in a post or sere princes Germany. West dressed young women but taking in their history lessons with as much contentment as they afterward drank Mrs. McKnight's excellent chocolate. The re-ception of course partook of a character purely its own, excepting that it was nearly the same set of faces to be seen in parlors every day here, of something quite novel to Pittsburg, Literature, hand in hand with love of country, and music having the same ing articles of which Brazil is the principal or one of the principal consumers, the consult must verify most scrupulously the real cost of the production, and add thereto the inherrent expenses and profits. The chief objection mised by exporters is to the declaration of the forwarder or owner of the marne of the forwarder, the date of purchase, the factory, warehouse, store, or office where the goods were bought, the declaration of the price per quantity, local value, and quantity.

PRE-EMPTING THE HEART OF A CITY.

A Louisiana Lawyer Claims the Tract Is Still Open to Entry.

Booneville, La., Feb. 19 - Validity to the title of the land embracing the town site here has been questioned. In 1811 lands in bent, formed what are popularly known as

A purely sogial time followed the programme, heightened by tea drinking, the delicious beverage being served by a number of the juvenile members of the order, some of them having just crossed the Rubicon of the order—their 18th birthday.

MADAME ALICE D. LE PLONGEON, mong the most noted travelers of modern times, in response to an invitation from the Woman's Club, of this city, will lecture in Old City Hall on next Monda: evenlag. Yucatan and its ruins, to the exploration of which the lady gave her most untiring energy, will be the subject upon which she will speak; and those who have heard the will speak; and those who have heard the lectures say that she invests her description with a wonderful amount of interest. Madame Le Plongeon has had the honor of addressing the Sorosis, of which she is a complimentary member: the New Century Club, of Philadelphia, and the New England Woman's Press Association. Even conservative Paris, with its narrow notions of woman's work, has recognized Madame Le Plongeon's abuilty and requests have come to ber for her photograph to be placed One Taken in the Uncivilized West and the to her for her photograph to be pla among the celebrated travelers in the all of the Geographical Society of Paris; a com-pliment duly appreciated by the Indy. Dur-ing the necessarily short stay of Madame Le Plongeon in Pittsburg, Mrs. Max Becker of Ellsworth avenue, Shadyside, will be her bottess.

> EDGEWOODVILLE has become the center of a new literary club, organized by Mrs. Langley, who got club notions into her head by the pleasure she found in one at Ann Arbor, to which she belonged during Prof. Langley's connection with the University. The local one is to be patterned after its inspiring cause. Meetings, held every week, will last two hours, one-half of which will be devoted to home affairs and the remaining time to every matter under the sun that is moment. The club is not to be worried with minent. The clind is not to be worried with rules, and it has but two officers, a President, Miss Lyman, and a Vice President, Miss Jean McCraig. The members will devote their time to studying Alaska. Next Friday the club will meet at the house of its founder on Franklin street, Edgewoodville.

A PLEASANT parlor concert was given last A PLEASANT parior concert was given as would be stone blind. He then went informed by Edgewoodville, at which over E0 people were present. The object of the concert, in addition to its pleasure-giving motive, was to raise money for the new Presbyterian and neatest of the weeklies of Western Pennsylvanias that time. He was the father of Alex, McK. McWilliams, foreman of The Disparcil composing room. Deceased at the time of his death was foreman of the Job department of the Greensburg Press. He leaves three sons and a daughter. Mr. McWilliams was one of the true disciples of the Art Preservative, his artistic taste winning for him honors at all times. He was besides a post who drew his inspiration from Nature, and many of his sweet little songs are still going the rounds of the anonymous in literature.

John B. Sherriff.

John B. Sherriff, possibly the oldest active business man in the city at the time of his death, passed peacefully away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Anna M. Taylor, Center avenue, near Craig street, this city, at 1:25 A. N., Friday. At the time of his death he was 81 years of age, her can be shown in the city from Lawrence county in 1831, and since that time has been actively engaged in business no to within two weeks ago. He establement was completely successful. The concert opened with a qunrete, Thanks to the clever people on the programme, the enterinment was completely successful. The concert opened with a qunrete, The Church on Swissvale avenue. Thanks to the clever people on the programme, the elever people on the programme, the elever people on the programme, the clever people on the programment was completely successful. The concert opened with a qunrete, "The Concert opened with a quartet, brong the programment was completely successful. The concert opened with a qunrete, "The Concert opened with a qunrete, "The Concert was elever the clever people on the programment was Church on Swissvale avenue. Thanks to the clever people on the programme, the enquartet, brought a delightful evening a melodious close. The concert was give inder the auspices of the Dorcas Soc

THE Oil City correspondent of THE DIS PATCH wires the successful reception and ball given last night by the Lvy Club of that city. The special floral decorations, com-bined with ingenious electric displays, ren-dered the twelfth return of this annual event most noteworthy. The attendance was large, Pittsburg and Allegheny being among the cities represented.

The shadow pantomime will be given in the Wilkinsburg Opera House this evening, under the auspices of the "World's Fair Saving Club of the Deaf of Pittsburg and Vicinity," and for the benefit of a fund for the building of a home in Pennsylvania for those afflicted with the loss or sight, speech or besting. or hearing.

THE approach of Lent is having the usual result in the revival of small affairs among the most exclusive. Mrs. B. F. Jones, who has been in comparative retirement this sca-son, will hold her first formal affair of the

year on Thursday afternoon next YESTERDAY Mrs. Cadman, of Franklin street, Edgewoodville, entertained 25 mem-bers of the Dorcas Society, who busied themselves preparing necessary arricles for the Southside Hospital.

An Ear Mark of Candidaev.

Toledo Blade.] Governor Boies left silver out of his speech at the Denver banquet. This is the ear mark of a Presidental candidacy, sore.

Society as Garza Finds It.

Garza has a following of about 400. This s his society as he finds it now.

WARD'S LATEST CUT. WARD MCALLISTER threatens to reduce the 400 to 150. It is presumed that the other 250 didn't subscribe for his book.—Washington

THE New York 400 has been cut down to 150 by order of Ward McAllister. Another cut or two and the brilliant society leader will find it very select but very lonely .-

Tag tumble of New York's 400 down to 150 looks us if the first families of that town would have been a good thing to have gone short of if McAllister had only given the tip.-Boston Herald. ALTHOUGH he fixes the number of fashion-

able New Yorkers at 150, Ward McAllis er

Detroit Free Press.

refuses to name more than 140 of them. The pidding for the one hundred and fiftieth dace eaght to keep him in comfort for a year or two. - Chicago Times. Ira stall-fed, haughty, self-satisfied donkey, constoned to looking down on its fellowdonkeys, were suddenly gifted with the

power of speech and no restraining inflaences were thrown around it, we imagine it would talk about as Ward McAllister talks, -Chicago Tribune. THE only revision of society which can ssibly be conducive to Mr. McAllister's

permanent popularity must be one which increases and not diminishes its numbers. If he could only give us an 800 now he might recover some of his lost prestige. - New York | \$60,000. Isn't that a good excuse for tardines Commercial Advertiser. WARD MCALLISTER, of Goose Creek nativ-

ity and "sassiety" notoriety, is heralded in New York as a greater than Columbus, for just 400 years later than the Genoese navi-gator the great lord-of-the-kitchen and knight-of-the-cotillon has discovered America's only aristocracy, and they are 150 of

WARD MCALLISTER has cut down his estimate of New York's really fashionable peonle from 400 to 150. Yet even this estimate is too liberal, and it is certain that only Mr McAllister's superabundent modesty pre-vents his uttering his inmost opinion that there is really only one person of the highest breeding in New York .- Denver News.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-There are 10,000 Chinese shoemakers

-There is a woman in Oregon who worked 20 years at stone cutting.

-Hot water cannot be raised to a considerable height by suction. -The normal temperature of man

-John Carney, a Kansas farmer, reces plowed up a gold ring which his daugh had lost seven years previous.

-Ninety per cent of the freshmen phomore classes in Yale are said to ia the substitution of science or modern runges for the classics,

-The Japanese cite 260 color varieties the chrysanthemum, of which 63 are yelk 87 white, 32 purple, 30 red, 31 pale pink, russet and 14 of mixed colors. -It is a coincidence that the first arr

made in Ohio under the Brewer law for co pulsory school attendance is that of a c ten in Jefferson named Brower. -A 300-pound shark was washed up the beach at Sucia Island, Wash., a few di

ago. In its maw was found the remains of human hand, thought to be that of a Siwa

-At a Catholic convent in Fort Be hold, N. D. all the sisters, including a mother superior, are indians, and a spiritual director is a priest of Moha -A velocity as high as 2887 feet

second has been attrined by a project from a rapid-fregum. This is at the rate 1968 miles an hour. It is the highest veloc yet recorded. -The rains have raised the waters of S ton lake to nearly as great height as the were last spring. The Glia river is rish which affects the Colorado river and cau-the late.

-According to Nelson W. Perry, E. 3 the feats, of the several "electric girls" w have been astonishing the public in the country and England are merely skill mechanical tricks.

-An engineer on the Missouri Paci as invented a coat of mail so contriv that when a man is held up by robbers can discharge a revolver while both han are confined above his head. -The members of a jury in Iowa have

cently confessed that their verdict of goal against a man charged with burglary w decided by drawing lots. They had becore so confused by a mass of expert testimo; that they had no other recourse. -The difference in length of the cald in the East river bridge, Brooklyn, who

registers 100° above is two feet and for inches. The difference in the rope which hauls the cars is seven feet and six inches. -It has been discovered that silver exisn the ashes of two volcances in the And of Ecuador, in South America. The quantit of silver is exceedingly minute, however being about two-fifths of an ounce to a to of asses at Cotonaxi, and about three-tent of an ounce at Tanguragus.

-There are two otherwise estimate women in Atchison, Kan., who are contin ally quarreling about their complaints, enone trying to prove that she has more as more dendly diseases than the other. The physicians say that there is nothing mu-the matter with either of them. -Probably the most magnificent comp! mentary present ever received by a Eur pean soversign is the Emperor of Austria

silver welding gift to the Czar. It consists of a dinner service of solid silver, superb wrought and chased, each piece bearing a imperial ragle. The service is for 2*person and there are 250 pieces. -Sam. Radges, of Topeka, paid the Western doctors \$3,000 to be told that D eyes would not last long and that he soo would be stone blind. He then went

-It is reported that a mountain of ony perior quality, fine-grained and beautiful marked with called streaks of varigate colors blended across the face of the citr The mineral, it is claimed, scales off in lar slates, making it possible to sell it as check

-There must be a particularly hot spe in the earth under Wheeling, W. Vn. It hoped to sink the well now being drive there at least a mile. less than five inches in diameter. Its pec-liarity is that no vein of water has bee tapped, and, being perfectly dry, scientifi men have an unexampled opportunity t conduct their investigations.

-Fish are drowned when taken from th water into the air, and animals when a even for a short time under water, but t axoloti cannot be drowned anywhere. Ye he is nowhere safe, for the inhabitants of th places where he is found-Mexico. Ne Mexico and Texas-think that his flesvery good to eat, and catch great numbers the axoloti for food, which they cook

various ways. -Coast Indians of the Pacific shores o British America devour raw sen urchin with great gusto, crushing them in the fists, sucking out the orange colored clustof eggs, which constitute the only edilart, amounting to one or two teaspoonful and then throwing the thorny case used The minute eggs taste much like ovste and have been a favorite good of the native of the bleak coast of Alaska for ages.

-Children have come into the world sparsely provided as regards the memberof the hand; some with but a thumb an index finger, others with no thumb at all, o with bands like that of Mr. Cresny, wh represented Hertefordshire during the las-century, which was as nearly like a lobster's claw as a specimen of humanity could be expected to carry; a species of malforma-tion he shared, according to the records of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, with a whole family of negroes dwelling near Paramaribo in 1759.

-A Polish artist residing in Rome had ar exceedingly intelligent and faithful terries which, as he was obliged to go on a journey he left with a friend, to whom the dog wa strongly attached. Day and night the ter rier went to the station to meet every train carefully observing and remembering the time of their arrival, and never missing one Meanwhile he became so depressed that he refused to cat, and would have died of starvation if the friend had not telegraphed to his reacher to return at once if he wished to his master to return at once if he wished to find the animal alive.

A Captain, a Major, a Colonel: But to General Public we must how, Or there'll be a row infernal! First Foreigner (in New York)-I wonier what building that is? Second Foreigner-That must be the City Wall.

Druggist (to, newly hired boy)-Here Johnny, you do not appear to be busy. Just take those sponges out of the basket and soak them. Johnny-Not much. I engaged to learn the business, not to work the pawahrokers.

I met Dame Fortune years ago Upon her ball, not at o I craved a prize, a legace Or sinecure-a fat one

"My highest gifts I give," she said; 'Belleve me! Do not scorn them.'
I took the cap and bells she give. And ever since I've worn to "You are late this morning, Mr. Collum,"

sald Sharpe, as his bookkeeper came in about 10 "Yes, sir. My wealthy uncle died and left me "Yes; too good to be true, in fact."

ntown to match goods? She frowned at all my choicest jokes; She smiled when I was said

But all I did was bad. Until, one day, we wasking met,

Bull-I hear that Lambkin made a good thing out of his Wall street deal.

Behr-Why, I thought he lost all his money.

Bull-He did. But he married the daughter of

Club. THE patriotic American woman was out

porters, who claim that the Brazilian Gov-ernment requires too much information from exporters.

The decree requires that the exporter shall formulate in three bianks the list of the articles to be shipped to Brazilian ports, faithfully containing many faithfully containing names, marks, num-bers, weight, kind, quality, quantity, origin and value of the merchandise, as well as the destination, and shall take it to the Brazilian Consulate for legalization; and regarding articles of which Brazil is the principal

T. A. PILLSBURY, of Minneapolis, addressed the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Judiciary this morning. in advocacy of the Wasiburn anti-options bill. He believed that the dealing in futures tended to depress the price of farm products. Fint wheat had as much effect on the market as flat money would have, and the pending measure, which would prevent the sale of fictitious wheat, would be beneficial to the farmer, and consequently to every, person in the country. Mr. Brigham, a farmer from Ohios also favored the measure,

and voiced the views of the farmer in advo-cating the prevention of trading in options and future THE World's Fair special, comprising five of the most magnificently equipped and luxuriously furnished trains ever put on the road by the Puliman Palace Car Company, rolled out of the Baltimore and Ohio station at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, bound for the city of Chicago. The distinguished passengers aboard these trains are to be the guests of the World's Fair city for the next guests of the World's Fair city for the next four days, and are the Senators and Representatives of the Fifty-second Congress, the foreign ministers accredited to the United States and 40 of the leading journalists of the national capital, Hon. Audai T. Ewing, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee of Chicago, has general charge of the party, but each of the seperate trains is under the direct charge of an Illinois Congressman, the representatives from the World's Fair State having naturally constituted them-State having naturally constituted them-selves to some extent a committee on enter-tainment during the journey. The several trains followed each other in succession, with intervals of 15 minutes between the various sections, in order to insure salety.

LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS.

The Tariff Question to Come Up in Congress

Farly Week After Next-Minister Reld

Hasn't Resigned-Secretary Foster Going

to Europe-Another Ship Canal Wanted

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.-It was

announced to-day to be the intention of the Democratic members of the Ways and Means

Means Committee to-day at a brief session of the full committee. An agreement was

reached among the members of the commit-

tee that the minority should have until a

week from to-morrow to prepare their reports against the bill-the wool, binding twine and bagging measures

SECRETARY FOSTER has finally decided to take a European trip for the benefit of his health and will sail from New York next Tuesday for Bremen, on the North German Lloyd steamship Spree. He will be accompanied by W. F. MacLellan, Chief of the Warrant Division, Treasury Department, who is also in poor health. The Secretary suffers from prostration, the effects of a severe attack of grip, and takes the trip solely for the purpose of recuperation. He has no intention of traveling in Europe and expects to be again in this country in about MR. CALDWELL, of Ohio, introduced a

the survey to include an inquiry into the feasibility of a change of the Miami and E-ie cana' to a ship canal 20 feet deep and MR. FITCH introduced a bill to-day, to amend the McKinley tariff law sons to re-

duce the duty on barley from 30 cents to 10 cents per bushel of 48 pounds. THE receipts from internal revenue dur-

EXPRESENTATIVE HARTER, of Ohio, said to-day that he had presented the request for a caucus of the Democratic party on the silver question to Mr. Holman, chairman of the caucus, and had no doubt the call would be issued. Between 40 and 50 signatures were appended to the request, and the caucus rules provide that a caucus shall be called when asked by 35 members. Mr. Harter said he had no doubt the caucus would be largely attended, and that a num ber of Senators would be present. Many Senators, he said, had stated to him that they believed action on the silver question should be postponed, and would do what

SECRETARY NORLE has sent to the Sen. ate Committee on Territories a vigorous protest against the passage of Senate bill No. 1963, introduced by Senator Washburn, "To incorporate the Yellowstone Park Company," the incorporators of which are to be Charles Gibson, John D. Perry, of Missouri; Thomas Lowry and James W. Raymond, of Minnesota. The bill provides that the incorporators and their successors shall have perpetual succession and are authorized to acquire and operate hotels and secure other privileges. There is granted to the company for 20 years the use of ten acres of ground at each of the following localities in the park: Mammoth Hot springs, Nor-ris Geyser Basin, Lower Geyser Basin, Fountain Geyser Basin, Upper Geysin Basin, Grand Canon, Lower Yellowstone Lake and the west bay of Yellowstone Lake, for the use of each of which the company agrees to pay the Government \$50 per annum, which is to be in lieu of all taxes, and at each of these localities the cumpany is to keep a cure other privileges. There is granted to these localities the company is to keep a first-class hotel. The Secretary critizes the

oill in detail, and concludes that it is op-posed to the public good is for private inter-ests solely, and is in every way pernicious." THE Bering Sea controversy was the principal topic of discussion at to-day's Cabinet meeting. There is no particular change in the situation, and none is looked for until Lord Salisbury acts on the treaty of arbitration, a draft of which, drawn on lines understood to be equally acceptable to both Governments, was submitted to him early this week. In order to get the treaty before the Senate as soon as possible, it was arranged that Lord Salisbury should comarranged that Lord Salisbury should com-municate his action by cable. So far, how-ever, nothing has been heard from him on the subject. The policy of this Government with regard to the coming sealing season will depend largely on the action of the British Government on the question of arbitration. There is carcely a doubt, how-ever, that an arrangement will be made somewhat similar to that of last years' modus vivendi. The President has issued the usual proclamation against poaching in

his diplomatic services until a reciprocity treaty has been concluded between France and the United States.

PENNSYLVANIA justice may not be blind. but it certainly has an acute attack of politi-THE bluebird has appeared in Pennsylvania and the newspapers there are beginning to publish spring noems.-St. Louis Republic. THERE are over 10,000 brass bands in Penn-

campaign of the year .- Colorado Sun.

he usual proclamation against poaching in Bering Sea. It is almost identical with the THE report that United States Minister Reid has resigned is denied at the State Department. It is said on excellent authority that Mr. Reid has agreed to continue

PRESELVANIA prohibition has a hard row to hoe. Perhaps this is due to Philadelphia

sylvania, with more than 100,000 players. What a prospect that makes for the political

THE Pittsburg Baseball Club this year will have a general manager, a field manager and financial manager. It is understood that two or three ball players will also be added to the aggregation later.-Chicago Mail

heretofore ordered favorably reported to the House by a party vote. Chairman Springer then announced that it was intended to call up one of the three bills on the Monday or

TWO STRIKING PICTURES.

William McWilliams.

founded the Saltsburg Press, one of the liveliest and neatest of the weeklies of Western Pennsylvania at that time. He was the father of Afex. McK. McWilliams, foreman of THE DISPATCH composing room. Deceased at the time of his death was foreman of the Job department of the Greensburg Press. He leaves three sons and a danghter. Mr. McWilliams was one of the true disciples of the Art Preservative, his artistic taste winning for him honors at all times. He was besides a poet who drew his inspiration from Nature, and m-ny of his sweet little songs are still going the rounds of the anonymous in literature.

ond United States Artillery, is dead at Detroit She was known to soldlers of the Mexican War a She was known to soldiers of the Mexican War as "The Heroine of Castle Loretto." She accompanied her husband to Mexico, and during the stege of Pueblo for 26 days regularly carried to him and others of his battery coffee and refreshments. To do this it was necessary for her to traverse the open space between Castle Loretto, where he lived, to the fortifications of Pueblo, where neally the company was stationed. This open space was swept by Mexican sharpshooters so effectively that it was called the "Death Road." Though Mirs. Peyton many times had her clothing cut by bullets she was never wounded. John Weir.

J. Robinson Gray, Greene County. J. Robinson Grav died on Wednesday

Obitdary Notes. THE mother of United States Senator Squires, of State of Washington, died at Clyde, O., Thurs

Baron Stafford (Sir Augustus-Frederick Fitz-Herbert Stafford-Jerningham, Bart.) died Thursday of softening of the brain. He was born in 1930, and succeeded his uncle November 30, 1864.

at Kylestown, Clearfield county, was found dead in his bed at the Mansion House, Clearfield, yes-terday afternoon. He went there Tuesday to attend his father's fusiral, and was apparently in good beauth when he retired Theraday night, Heart disease is given as the cause of his death.

PICKINGS FROM PUCK.

Mr. 399-Get any valentines this year, McAllister-Yes; 400 of them, Mr. 59-Some valuable ones, I presume, McAllister-No. All one-cent ones, Up in high stations we think ourselves-

Don't you see the Irish fing floating over it?

"Wasn't it awful? She married a poor drygoods cierk!"
. "Yes: but just think how handy he will be to

She seemed to like most other folks,

And I said, "I propose."
"That settles it," she quickly said;
"Why, yes! Of course, that goes!"