COYED INTO DEATH.

se Like That of the Schneiders Unearthed in Madgeburg.

ANT GIRLS ARE THE VICTIMS

Couple of Fiends Who Trap Them With Advertisements.

UVIER THE NEW FRENCH PREMIER

SLIN, Feb. 23.-The police of Madgea large town 76 miles from this city, stituting an inquiry into a series of ers of servant girls, information of they have only recently obtained. rimes are of a most cold-blooded charand give evidence of the brutal and y depraved nature of the persons who cused of having planned and carried

into execution. se murders resemble in most of their ole details the startling list of murwhich were not long ago unearthed in a, in which city Franz Schneider and ife, by means of decoy advertisements ig for servants, lured a large number els to their residence, where their vicwould be assaulted, robbed and stranto death.

The Personnel of the Murderers.

in the Vienna murders, these latter s seem to have been instigated for the ose of robbing the girls, who were also gled to their fate by means of bogus adsements.

e prisoners charged with the murders agdeburg are Fritz Erb and his fiance, thy Buntrock. Since their arrest gh evidence has been collected by the e to implicate them in the mysterious pearance of servant girls who, while ng employment, were suddenly lost of by their relatives and friends, who i find no trace of their whereabouts or anything as to what had befallen

and the woman, Buntrock, were ard on suspicion of having murdered a ant named Kasen. According to the ence produced by the authorities at the ination of the accused couple, both asd in the work of decoying Emma Kasen ir terrible fate, inducing her to visit dace they had selected for the commisof the murder on the pretense of furing her with a fine situation at a large

What the Police Have Discovered.

ace the arrest of Erband his companion, olice have been making a systematic iry into their antecedents, and they discovered that the couple also ded and murdered another girl, named Klasses, by the same means employed ie murder of Emma Kasen. The auhed all the crimes committed by the ners, and they are still prosecuting r investigation.

e scheme of the conspirators always the form of an advertisement calling he services of a girl to act as companion wealthy lady. When the police de-ded upon the culprits the clothing of the dered girls was found in their posses, and will be used as evidence against prisoners when they are brought to

prothy Buntrock has broken down and e a confession to the police, in which described the manner in which the murwere committed. She admits leading girls to a wood, where Fritz was waiting dy work was finished, the victims were sped of all their clothing and any money aluables in their possession, and their es were hidden in a spot where it was likely they would be discovered.

turni, Too, Is Threatened With Floods Along the River Tacus' Banks. ADRID. Feb. 23.-The snow in Spain.

ned by the storms, is rapidly melting, the results that the floods in Granada. aga, Almeria and Cordova, are increas-Already enormous damage has been e to all kinds of property, and it is ed that unless the waters rapidly subthe loss will be incalculable. Parts of uja and Huelan, ruburbs of the city of laga, are flooded. All the country surnding the town of Velez, on the river ez. 14 miles northeast of Malaga, is ndated. A number of huts belonging to r peasants have been swept away. he river Gundaljoce, which rises in the stiers of Granada and empties into the diterranean six miles southwest of lagu, has overflowed its banks, and the n of Churriana is flooded. The heavy is continue. A large number of houses he flooded districts have been under ed by the water and threaten any moment to collapse. A ca-dispatch from Lisbon says: The r Tagus is five feet above its normal continues to rise. The inhabits of the towns along its banks are

TOLSTOI TO BE CHOKED OFF.

s Eussian Government Orders Him Back to His Estate.

oscow, Feb. 23. - Count Tolstoi, who been relieving the distress in the rine district, has been ordered by the vernment to return to his estate. ion is taken in consequence of a letter cerning the famine which was recently olished in London as written by Count stoi. The Government holds that the ter was unpatriotic. ountess Tolstoi has written a letter

lying that her husband is the author of

GOSSIP ON THE DEACON CASE.

such People Don't Belleve the Husband Knew What Was Going On.

lannes, Feb. 23 .- Very little, if any, iance is placed upon the statement that Deacon was aware of the intrigue heeen his wife and Abeille, and that he mived at it. It is held by many Ameriis here that the statement of Mrs. Deacon made in an attempt to shield herself from

Mrs. Deacon left for Paris Sunday night, I the Judge has summoned her to return Grasse Thursday.

ROUVIER NOW THE MAN.

Will Try to Form a French Cabinet, Retaining Most of the Old Members. PARIS, Feb. 23 .- M. de Freycinet having used to form a new Cabinet, President rnot has intrusted the task to M. Rouer, who is trying to include most of the sent Ministers in the new Cabinet. MM. Freyciaet, Ribot, Constans and Develle

we agreed to remain in the Cabinet. Government Dynamite Stolen.

Paris, Feb. 23.-A few days ago a large antity of dynamite was stolen from the tory belonging to the State, where that plosive is made with many safeguards as its manufacture. It was immediately ocluded that the theft was the work of archists, and to-day the police searched the houses in Paris and the vicinity own to be occupied by Anarchists. The lice refuse to divulge the result of their

The Khedive Squalible Settled. STANTINOPLE, Feb. 23. - Discussion on almost since the scession of Prince Abbas to the Khediveship, has been brought to an end by the Sultan, who has deputed Marshal Ahmed Eyoub to convey the firman of investiture to the Khedive.

THE TORIES BRACING UP.

They Secure a Little Larger Majority in Parliament and Defeat a Motion for Church Disestablishment in Wales-Gladstone is Quoted by His Foes.

LONDON, Feb. 23.-Mr. De Cobain, member of the House of Commons for East Belfast, who is charged with the commission of grossly immoral acts, and who fled the country months ago to escape the service of a warrant issued against him, has not complied with the request of the House, made on motion of Mr. Balfour February 1. that he present himself in the House of

Mr. Balfour to-day gave notice to the House that on Friday next he would move that Mr. De Cobain, having fied to escape justice, be expelled from the House of Commons. John Dillon maintained that there was no evidence that Mr. De Cobain was not present. The Speaker thereupon called the name of Mr. De Cobain. There was no

Samuel Smith, member for Flintshire, noved the disestablishment of the church in Wales. The Welsh people, he said, could not recognize the state in religious matters. Every argument that had justified the disestablishment of the church in Ireland ap-plied with equal force and justification to the disestablishment of the church in

Sir Edward Clarke, Solicitor General, opposed the motion of Mr. Smith, and quoted the words of Mr. Gladstone that the Church in Wales was active and energetic, and that it would be wrong to disestablish and disendow it. Sir Edwin claimed that no proof had been adduced that a majority of the Welsh people were in favor of dis-establishing the Church. The motion to disestablish the Church in

Wales was rejected by a vote of 267 to 220.

BLACKMAILING BRITISH LORDS.

A Letter Writer Who Signed a Woman's

Name Gets Himself Into Trouble. LONDON, Feb. 23 .- The case of Maitland Moreland, who is described as an Oxford tutor, charged with an attempt to blackmail Lord Hothfield, was resumed to-day. The evidence developed the fact that the prisoner had engaged in systematic attempts to blackmail noblemen by writing letters purporting to have been written by a woman. Lord Chesterfield, Lord Ormathwaite and others testified that they had received letters similar to those received by Lord Hothfield. The solicitor representing Earl Russell, whose wife recently unsuccessfully sued for a divorce, produced a letter signed Ruth Moreland, which was received just be-fore the Earl married Miss Scott. It read:

You are to be married next week. What would Miss Scott think of you if she could read your letters that are in my possession? Is it altogether impossibe that she may see them before Thursday? And that hundred you owe me, of which you have not paid a penny, may so anger me that I will put the letters in my husband's hands and confess our crime, and cause myself to figure in the divorce court. Send an answer by return post, or I will know what to do legally.

American Reciprocity With Austria. VIENNA, Feb. 23 .- Negotiations for the stablishment of reciprocity relations are about to be commenced between Austria and the United States.

GOULD GIVES UP \$10,000 TO A COMMITTEE ON PRESBYIERIAN

CHURCH EXTENSION,

He Has the Gentlemen to Supper at His House, Where the Big Checks Flow In-Novel Way to Raise Funds for Religious Purposes.

NEW YORK Feb 23 _ I Speci Jay Gould and his daughter, Miss Helen Gould, were host and hostess, this evening, at a reception given at their Fifth avenue residence, to the Committee of the Presbytery of New York, on Church Extension and Sustenation. Nearly all the members of the committee to the number of a hundred or more, were present. The purpose of the reception was to raise money to aid the work of church extension, and it was at the request of the committee that the meet-

ing was held in Mr. Gould's house.

Robert Ogden, of Philadelphia, gave an count of the work of church extension in that city. Rev. Dr. George Alexander said, among other things: "I have been strictly enjoined to speak of nothing else but money. You are all rich men here, and we want money from you, but we do not assume a suppliant attitude. We need money, but not half so much as you need to give it." Dr. Alexander went on to talk of the great power of money as energy stored up for get so carried away by the pursuit of wealth, and get the habit so fastened on them, as to lose sight of the higher duty of

dispensing the money they acquire.

At the close of Dr. Alexander's speech Mr. Van Norden announced that subscrip-tion cards would be distributed, and he tion cards would be distributed, and he hoped they would be filled out liberally. As an incentive, he said, he would announce that he had already received four subscriptions of \$500, \$100, \$1,000 and \$2,500, one of which, he said, was opposite the name of Miss Gould. A few minutes after the subscription cards had been passed around Mr. Van Norden took the floor again to announce that a number of \$1,000 subscriptions had been handed in to him, and that the host, Mr. Gould, had subscribed \$10,000. This announcement was greeted with prolonged applause. Supper was served after the

meeting. DIVORCED BY STAR CHAMBER.

The Ex-Wife of an lows Millionaire Sues to Have the Case Reopened.

DUBUQUE, IA., Feb. 23.-One of the most famous divorce cases in the history of Iowa will come up for a hearing at Eldora to-morrow. It is a counter part of the famous Flack divorce suit in New York. Colonel E. S. Ellsworth is a prominent politician and a millionaire of Iowa Falls. Last December, it is stated, he entered suit for divorce, alleging infi-delity on the part of his wife. Instead of the case being heard in open court in regu-lar order, it was advanced on the docket and tried in the privacy of the hotel cham-ber, where no one was present except Judge Hindman, the plaintiff, and his attorneys. The wife was then, it is said, visiting in

Not only was she divorced in this star chamber, but she was also deprived of the custody of her children and any charge whatever in her husband's vast pro There is said to be nothing ever on the coart records to show the character of the testimony upon which the divorce was granted. Mrs. Ella-worth now sues to have the case reopened. In her petition she makes some startling disclosures, and alleges she knew nothing whatever of her husband's suit until served with a notice of the decree, and also that her husband attempted to force her to a

Thunked by the Orphans. Max Klein was presented with a series of

confession.

resolutions at the Duquesne last evening, by the Orphan School Commission, thank ing him for reminders of the Christmas season which he gave to the children of the Uniontown school. The resolutions were neatly written and handsomely framed. Khedive squabble Settled.

STINOPLE, Feb. 23.—Discussion the investiture of the new Egypt, which has been carried kindness of heart with a neat speech.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR

First Reception of Tancred Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templar.

THE ARRANGEMENTS PERFECT.

Novel Manner in Which Hotel and Theater Were Thrown Together.

LEADING FEATURES OF THE OCCASION

The Alvin Theater last night for the first reception of Tancred Commandery No. 48, Knights Templar, made a most brilliant ball room. The company playing suspended operations for one night, and gave the commandery full -scope to work their will, which was done with such energy that

long before evening all resemblance of a theater was temporarily removed. The Hotel Schlosser, next door to the Alvin, had a connection made with it for the time being and the whole second floor reserved

For the purposes of the reception there was practically a space beginning at Penn avenue and extending to the most northerly wall of the Alvin, thus making a superb length of promenade that almost included the entire side of Sixth street to the bridge. It was managed thus: The hotel building and the theater were made one by the simple connection of a bridge thrown across the narrow alley, having its exit from the second floor of the hotel, at the long hallway, and connecting with the theater at the side of the conservatory. The alterations were confined to the 'auditorium proper of the theater, where the floor of the stage was carried out about to that point dividing the circle from the parquet.

Perfection of the Arrangements. A flight of stairs brought me down to the level of the floor, and the side of the impromptu ballroom was surrounded by a substantial railing for the safety or assur-

ance of safety of the dancers. No theatrical performance ever brought to the Alvin a more picturesquely arranged audience. The sightseers, made up of those who had grown tired of dancing and those who didn't dance, were almost as numerous as the dancers. And they constantly mingled and interchanged. A steady stream of wearied people were continually seeking seats, while an equally determined stream of eager ones were replacing them on the

platform.

The lode held one orchestra. Another sat at the back of the stage. Every pretty girl with an extra smart frock on was sure at some time or other to find her way into a plaisance which surrounds a woman under crutiny, when she knows she is prepared for observation.

Though the grand march was set for the early hour, fashionably speaking, of 9 o'clock, that time found more than 350 forming in line. Well up in the march were the notables of the commandery, accompanied by the ladies of their households. Leading was General Gobin, the most distinguished Knight Templar present, he being the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States, with Mrs. C. C. Baer, and Alfred S. Bishop, present Eminent Commander Tancred Council, with Miss Bishop. Next came all the past eminent commanders and following them was the general body of people in attendance. Rapidly succeeding the march came the other dances, which were kept up until an early hour this

Kept It Up Until Dawn.

The dawn brought to a close an event which will be a matter of famous story in the annals of Tancred Commandery, when they call to mind the first reception of February 23, 1892. Over the stage proper hung some festooning displaying the order's insignia, and away up somewhere among the files, in theatrical technicality, scintillated a superb star of gilded paper—The Star of Bethlehem—set with electric lights. All that pertained to the souper was confined to the hotel, where the large dining room was thrown open, and the ordinary held in reserve against the probable chance of being pressed into ser-vice, as it really was at a later time. The guests were at liberty to discuss the follow-

oysters a l'Hotel Schlosser.
Chicken croquettes.
French peas.
Boned turkey, in jelly.
Cold filet de beef.
Cold pheasant.
Roast veal.

Roast ham.

Cold beef tongue.
Chicken salad.

Colery.
Salted almonds:

Coles.

Coles. A pretty scene on the hotel side was the sight of the interested house guests. They leaned on the bannisters and occasionally

promenaded past the good-naturedly near-sighted guards of the entrances to make a hurried trip to the conservatory for a view of the ball, and then return to tell less daring invaders all they had seen and heard.

CLEVELAND AT DETROIT.

He Shakes Hands With Thousands of Citi-

zens, Including General Alger. DETROIT, Feb. 23.-Mr. Cleveland's special train arrived back from Toledo at 2:45 this afternoon. Governor Winans and staff, Acting Mayor Coots and the City Council were present to officially receive the distinguished guest. The Acting Mayor, Coots, presented Mr. Cleveland with the freedom of the city. Mr. Cleveland responded in a few sentences. Governor Winans and Mayor Coots then escorted Mr. Cleveland to Hon. Don M. Dickinson's residence. There Mr. Cleveland withdrew

to his room At 5 o'clock crowds began to gather in the vicinity of the Hotel Cadillac, where the public reception to Mr. Cleveland was held. By 7:30 some 20,000 people were massed around the hotel. The reception began at 7:45. The general public was admitted and passed in a constant stream before the ex-President until 10:30 P. M. Mr. Cleveland cordially grasped the hand of each. A noticeable incident of the evening was the presentation of General Alger and Senator Dolph. An amusing incident and one that caused considerable laughter, was the vain endeavor of an elderly lady to embrace Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Cleveland and panty leave to-morrow morning over the Michigan Central for New York.

MORE ARBITRATION PROPOSED

Minority Evangelicals Would Submit th

Dispute to Outside Clergy. ALLENTOWN, Feb. 23.—Signatures of 441 ministers of the minority side of the Evangelical Church have been attached to a paper looking to an amicable settlement of the Church differences. Of these, 94 are members of the East Pennsylvania Conference, 126 of Central Pennsylvania, 47 of Pittsburg, 69 of Des Moines, 26 of Oregon, 61 of Illinois, and 14 of the Platte River

The paper expresses a willingness to sub-mit the dispute to a commission of minis-ters of other denominations for arbitration.

An Employment Agent in Trouble. Margaret Mussage entered suit before Alderman Donovan yesterday against James Abriole for assault and battery. Abriole runs an employment agency on Grant street.

that her money be returned to her. He re-fused, and they engaged in a quarrel over the matter, and she alleges that he slapped her on the face with his open hand. Abriole was arrested and held in \$300 bail for a hearing to-day.

ALICE MITCHELL OUTDONE.

A PHYSICIAN IN LOVE WITH HIMSELE AND DISAPPOINTED.

Unable to Endure His Self-Rejection He Writes a Tender Epistle and Then Blows Out His Brains-The Strange Statemen

of His Friend. Sr. Louis, Feb. 23.-That the peculiarities of the Alice Mitchell-Freda Ward case at Memphis are not confined to the female sex, was demonstrated by the suicide here this morning of Dr. E. T. Breedlove, of Baltimore. A few minutes after 8 o'clock the denizens of Hurst's Hotel were startled by a pistol shot which rang out on the third floor. Dr. Breedlove had just shot himself. Death had evidently been instantaneous. The bullet had entered the right temple and embedded itself in the harin.

He was a man about 35, wearing a dark moustache and short hair. The police took charge of the effects. Mr. Judson accompanied an officer to the Four Courts, where he stated that he was in the room when Breedlove shot himself, and gave the cause as despondency and a strange attachment to himself. This latter remark was most significant when taken in consideration with a letter found among the dead man's effects. The following are extracts:

effects. The following are extracts:

I came intending to kill you then kill myself. I shall only make an end of my own miserable existence. My love for you has been my ruin. I can no more live apart from you than I can fly. The past month has been the test and I cannot do it. There is but one thing which could save me, and that is to pass the remainder of my life in your presence. I shall do that anyhow, for to die in your arms relieves death of half its terrors. I wish it would come to me naturally and you could be with me to the last. Then you would have nothing to grieve you. It is cruel of me to do this act, for it will blight your life. I should be more cruel to myself to try to live without you.

We might have been happy together had it not been for the Whitelaws and the Wheelers and your other rich friends, your high social and business standing, your high ideals of morality which you never filled; but this is too late, the end must come, good bye, dear Isaac; I won't wish you happiness—you will never have that again, and you will follow in my footsteps some day.

AN ARTIST DROPS DEAD.

Matthew Wilson, the Portrait Painter, Dies Suddenly at a Chess Club-Apoplexy Carries Off a Member of a Famous Family-An Unexpected Call.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.-[Special.]-Matthew Wilson, the portrait painter, died suddealy of appoplexy at 5:45 o'clock this evening, at the rooms of the Brooklyn Chess Club, at 201 Montague street. Although not member of the club, he was an expert player, and meeting John J. Spowers, he accompanied him to the rooms. They sat down to one of the tables, and, at the close of a game in which he was the victor, Mr. Wilson arose suddenly, and, putting his hand to his head, complained of a severe pain and began to stagger.

A physician was summoned, but death came before his arrival. The body was re-moved to Mr. Wilson's boarding house. Mr. Wilson was born in London, England, Mr. Wilson was born in London, England, 77 years ago. Samuel Wilson, his uncle, was once Lord Mayor of that city. He came to this country in early life, and painted portraits for the last 50 years. He painted the portraits of some of the most distinguished men in the country, including President William Henry Harrison, President Lincoln and most of the members of his Cabinet, President Arthur, Albert Gallatin, Attorney General Brewster and Governor Fairbanks,

He had not done much work with the brush recently. In summer he lived at his country house at Lake George, and gen-erally passed the winters with relain Philadelphia or Brooklyn. He was formerly a member of the Brooklyn club. He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters. The funeral will take place Thursday. The interment will be in Philadelphia.

ELECTRIC LIGHT MEN

Meet in Convention at Buffalo-The Niagara Falls Power Scheme-Good Words for the World's Fair Town-Underground Conduits Are Discussed.

BUFFALO, Feb. 23 .- The fifteenth annual convention of the National Electric Light Association began here to-day. President Huntley delivered his annual address. He spoke of the great problem of transmitting the electrical power from Niagara Falls, and reviewed the electrical progress of the year. He also said: "It is important that we should interest ourselves in the World's Fair. I surely do not exaggerate when I say that every patriotic New Yorker wishes Chicago the biggest kind of success in her great undertaking, and admires the genuine American fashion in the way the Western metropolis has sailed in to win. It is not only our duty, but it will be a source of great pleasure to contribute to the importance and success of the Exposition. We ought to meet in Chicago next year. We must go there in a body. The Chicago Electric Club is ready to take care of us. The whole city has a welcome for us, and the electric exhibition will be the finest the world has ever seen.'

The California Electrical Society sent a pressing invitation to hold the next convention in San Francisco. The subject under discussion was under-ground conduits and conductors. Mr. M. J. Francisco, of Rutland, Vt., said: "With very few exceptions, the systems heretotore adopted have proved failures." He said it was possible to make a success of under-ground conduits, but to win success there nust be great care used, first-class work and first-class materials.

LYNCHERS TO BE FERRETED OUT. An Arkansas Judge Takes Prompt Action

After a Hanging. LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 23.-At Varner, Lincoln county, this morning about 2 o'clock, a mob overpowered the jailors and lynched George Harris, who was charged with the murder of one Parks, a sewing machine agent, at Tyro last September. One night last week a negro by the name of Hancock, who had been convicted for shooting O. W. Alexander at Pine Bluff at the last election, was being conducted from the Court House to the jail, when he escaped from his guards and controllers helmed him to get owner. Harris' trial had been set for to-day, and it was evident the mob thought he would escape, as did Hancock, for one of them said; "We won't let him get away as Hancock did"

The mob shot Harris to pieces and left his body lying in the jail. The mob was com-posed of about 75 masked men, who came from the direction in which the murder was committed. The evidence was committed for the purpose of robbery, as the victim, who had considerable money, which he had collected, had been robbed of every cent of it. Judge Elliott called the grand jury in the court, and gave special instructions to ferret out the lynchers and prosecute them.

The Electric Company Presidency. Boston, Feb. 23.—It is now stated that McK. Twombly will not accept the Presidency of the consolidated Edison-Thomson-Houston Electric Company, and that it is more than probable that C. A. Coffin will be elected to the office.

The plaintiff applied to him for a situation, and paid the customary tee of \$2. However, the defendant failed to find her a place. She became tired waiting and asked nobles. The trade is said to be immense.

—A photographer has set up a studio in Hyderabad, the great Mohammedan city in the Deccan, for the exclusive use of the ladies of the Nizanis Tenana and the local nobles. The trade is said to be immense.

RODRIGUEZ STRUNG UP

The End of One of Cuba's Most Famous Bandits and Kidnapers.

FORTY WEALTHY MEN WAYLAID

Mountain Fastnesses.

In One District and Carried Into the

MANY WERE NEVER HEARD OF AGAIN

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, Feb. 23.-Modesto Rodriruez, the notorious Cuban bandit and kidnaper, was executed at Santa Clara to-day. He is said to be one of the last, if not the last, of the celebrated band which for ten years or more infested the mountain fastnesses of Cuba and kept the inhabitants in terror by the boldness and unexpectedness of their doings. For years they appeared and disappeared without warning, and without leaving the slightest traces by which they could be followed.

Within the last two years the authorities have succeeded in running them down. Carlos Aquerro was the first to be surprised and captured. He was executed, and after him, one by one, most of the others were caught and submitted to the same fate. The bandits confined their work almost

wholly to kidnaping. Their method was to pick out some man of wealth and carry him off to their mountain retreat. Then they would force him to write a letter for the sum of money they demanded as a ransom, which was dispatched by one of their The Victims Never Turned Up Again.

If the money was not forthcoming by the stated time, nothing more was ever heard of the victim. The Province of Santa Clara, where Rodriguez was caught, has been a favorite field of the bands. From that

Province during the last ten years 44.
victims were carried off.

One of the most audacious acts in that
neighborhood in which Rodriguez is supposed to have been engaged was the capture and assassination of Don Manuel Rosete Blanco. The last that was seen of him on his stock farm was about 8 o'clock in the morning, when his son, Frederick, about 25 yards away, saw him talking to a strange man in a field. Done Rosete Blanco had just come out of his house and was apparently on his way to look at the stock when he was met by the stranger and walked off with him. The son thought nothing of that at the time.

Money Demanded for Ranson About two hours later the same man appeared and presented this letter, directed to the young man's mother, and written by his

"I am a prisoner since this morning. For my liberty they ask \$2,000. Send to Santa Clara to Don Manuel for Fernandez Lloreda, and also send at once to Don Vincente Perez in order that they may help you get me out of this condition in which I am placed. Your affectionate husband,

The bearer of the note wore whiskers and was apparently disguised. He announced that a reply was expected immediately at a spot he designated on a neighboring road. The wife at once set about obtaining the ransom. She sought loans of money from every one she could reach at such short notice. What money she could gather she sent once, but it was short of the sum named. The next news she received was that the bandits had gone off with her husband, and she never heard of him again. His body was afterward found in the woods. Later the son, Frederick, and a son-in-law were also murdered by the

They Had a Penchant for Luxuries. The bandits were often capricious in their demands, and would specify articles of comort and luxury, which they insisted u having with as much relentlessness as they displayed in the case of money. On one oc-casion Don Manuel Correno was on his way from Key West, by way of Havana, to visit a relative in the interior. He was accom-panied by two friends, but got separated from them and was pursuing his way on a lonely road, when he was confronted by an armed bandit. The bandit called him by name and showed himself thoroughly posted as to Correno's business and destina Correno was ordered to follow the bandit

Correno was ordered to follow the bandit into the woods, where he was made to write a letter for a ransom. This was dictated to him as a postscript: "You will be kind enough to give me three hats, two pairs of shoes, smoking articles, all kinds of sweets, bunches of cigarettes, five rolls of tobacco cigars, four kinds of preserved fruits, one heese (old), two bars of sweet gum. In this case the bandits were successful in obtaining all these articles in addition to \$3,000 in gold. Then Correno was politely told that he could go.

GROWTH OF METAL TRADES.

IRON AND STEEL FAST OUTSTRIP THE POPULATION.

bram Hewitt's Address at a Dinner, the First of Its Kind Since 1860-He Denounces the Free Coinage Idea Very Vigorously.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 .- [Special.]-For the first time since 1860 the hardware and metal trades gave a dinner to-night at Sherry's, where nearly 500 persons sat at the eight long tables in the upper banquet room and at the equally long annex table in the adjoining apartment. Among the 500 were representatives of the iron, steel, copper. rass and tin trades from all parts of the

Webster R. Walkley was the Chairman. Abram S. Hewitt, in response to the toast, "The Iron and Steel Industries—Their Progress and Development," said at starting that ex-Governor Campbell, whom he called a "Possible Presidental candidate," spoke 55 minutes at the Ohio Society's dinner, but as he was not a Presidental possibility, he would speak but five minutes. He spoke 15, though, and in the course of that not at all bad quarter of an hour for his hearers, he said that in 1860, when the last dinner of the metal trades was given, the country produced but 800,000 tons of Webster R. Walkley was the Chairman.

the country produced but 800,000 tons of fron and steel per annum—55 pounds a head. Now it produces 10,000,000 tons. While it has doubled its population it has increased its production of iron and steel fourfold. "Honest money," he continued, "Is necessary for the future progress of the country, and any proposition from any quarter which undertakes to depreciate money and seeks to degrade the standard of currency by 80 per cent, by act of Congress. currency by 30 per cent, by act of Congress, must be stamped down by the people."

Among other speakers were Chairman Walkley, Mayor Sargent, Rev. Dr. Buckley, Governor Goodell, F. B. Thurber and David Williams.

Booths for Baker Balloting.

The County Commissioners vesterday ordered from the Marietta Manufacturing Company, 2,600 booths for use at the polling precincts in the county under the new ballot ystem. Three booths will be used at each district, and an additional one for over 50 voters over 150 in each district. The cost per booth is \$4 75 and for each annex \$3 50. This early action is due to the prospects of a special election in Allegheny, otherwise the booths would not have been ordered until late in the summer.

A Fatal Bite by a Pet Spaniel. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Henry Ketterer, 15 years of age, died here Sunday

HOSE CUT BY AN ENGINE

The Corquer Working on Another Fire Mystery in McKeesport.

Coroner McDowell held a partial inquest yesterday into the deaths of Sarah and James Lynch, children of Michael Lynch, who were suffocated in the fire which con sumed their home in McKeesport Monday night. Lynch's brother-in-law, John Hester, with his wife, live in the same house, and Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Hester put the children to bed on Monday night and went to a festival. The Hester children tracked down a light of laws and set first to knocked down a lighted lamp and set fire to he house.

It was at first thought all of the occupants got out of the house, but on the arrival of the fire department the Lynch children were missed and their father, who is on the department made an attempt to rescue them. He was driven back to the street, and was severely burned in his heroic After the fire was extinguished the bodies

of the children were found lifeless. The testimony at the inquest showed that a passing engine on the Baltimore and Ohio road had cut the hose line, but it was argued that the children were dead before the water was shut off in this manner. To determine this clearly the inquest was adourned until to-morrow.

THE LADIES ENJOY IT.

Grand Army of the Republic Women Make a Big Showing.

The ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are quartered at the St. Charles, Last night they held a council meeting and finished up all of the old business. About 275 delegates are in attendance. This morning it will open its session in Union Veteran Legion Hall. The reports will show a great increase of membership, 800 ladies having been gathered in during the year. The election of officers will take place to-day sometime. To offices to fill are

Department President and President of the Hawkins Home. For the first Mrs. Sallie Linhart, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Anna E. Leisinger are the candidates. They indications all go to show that Mrs. Linhart will be the winner. She is quite popular throughout the entire State. Mrs. Lida Smith, of Allegheny, has

The most important matter to be discussed is concerning the Hawkins Home, its future management, etc.

Good Prospects for the Glass Business. George M. Jaques, the Editor of the Crockery and Glass Journal, is at the Mononshela House. Mr. Jaques is in close touch with the glass business, and he says the outlook is very encouraging. The sales for January were up to the average, and the prospects are good. He bases a good deal on the heavy orders which the New York importers have given for goods that are not made in this country. They are to be delivered in August and September. Most of these articles are intended for the holiday trade. Mr. Jaques thinks this shows that the importers have faith in the future. The home dealers are still buying from hand to mouth but the jobbers have here leving in mouth, but the jobbers have been laying in heavy supplies. Mr. Jaques says American dealers are beginning to learn that the manufacturers no longer turn out goods for months ahead. Some buyers wait until the last minute, and then send in a large order which they expect to be filled in an hour.

HAVE YOU THE GRIPPE?

Many People Have It and Do Not Know It. How to Recognize the Symptoms and How to Treat Them.

Hundreds of people have the Grippe who do not know it. Not necessarily the final stages, but the first stages. They feel pains in the head, and a bad taste in the mouth, get tired and despondent, have chilly sensa-tions, limbs and muscles ache. In some cases these things are overlooked. In most cases perhaps they are considered simply a slight cold. In nearly every case they indicate the

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Jayne's Expectorant, Regular price \$1, Nestle's food, Regular price 50c,

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Regular price 50c, Carter's Little Liver Pills, Regular price 25c, Carter's Little Nerve Pills,

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