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### TWELVE PAGES

THE CASE IN THE COURTS. The hearing in the prosecutions for Sunday newspaper selfing before Judge Por-

ter vesterday is a satisfactory step toward, a final settlement of the law on this subject. Now that the cases have been removed to the adjudication of the higher courts THE DISPATCH has only to express its satisfaction that the requirements of the law are to be defined so clearly that there can be no misunderstanding.

We do not mean by this to anticipate the decision of the courts. It is quite possible for the Court to hold that the selling of newspapers is a necessity of modern society fully equal to the running of street cars and railway trains, the delivery of the mails, and the transmission of telegraph messages; and it is also possible that it will hold the other way. But bowever the Allegheny county and Supreme Courts may rule the decision will be desirable as putting an end to the period of doubt how an act of a century ago shall be construed in its application to the needs of modern society.

If it is the ultimate ruling of the courts that the act of 1794 prevents the sale of Sunday papers—and, by an equal infer-ence, the running of Sunday street cars and railroad trains and the work on Monday morning papers-that knowledge will afford a definite basis for prompt action by the Legislature in reconstructing the law to accord with the needs of modern society. Major A. M. Brown's able argument in the appeals from the Alderman's decision should be pondered by all-especially the very few who do not believe that the needs of progress and advancement of civilization demand changes in century-old laws as well as in other antiquated things.

### LET IT KNOCK IN VAIN.

Before the Trans-Mississippi Congress, at New Orleans yesterday, ex-Senator Warner Miller, with a paletteful of loud oratorical colors, devoted himself to the painting of a specious but glowing misrepresentation of the results to follow the completion of the Nicaragua Canal. There is every reason against a national support for this scheme and no argument in its favor. Private capital is not wont to hold commercial return, and yet the New York | rate policy to override constitutional law organization known as the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua is the fourth of corporate combinations. concern which has gone a begging for funds to complete this work since 1849

Westerners are credited with shrewdness, and not strangers to wealth, so that they need no pressure to support any enterprise with just claims to a sound financial basis

Of course, yesterday's speech was calculated to secure votes for the loan now demanded of Congress. Such a pledging of the national credit would be one of the most flagrant frauds ever countenanced by the Government, and one of the greatest follies ever perpetrated: Fortunately there is no reason to believe that the audacious request will receive anything but a crushing defeat.

To show the rottenness at the bottom of the movement it is but necessary to reiterate the fact, to which we have more than once called attention, that the deof the estimated cost as made by the company's own officials. This conclusively proves that the only return expected by National Treasury. After this, let investors take their own risk, and let the nation firmly refuse to be mulcted for the benefit of a few filibustering financiers.

## MORE THAN ONE GROWTH.

The Congressional trip to Chicago suggests to the New York World some reflections on the growth and progress of the country during the last century.

If such a celebration as the World's Fair bad been held a hundred years ago it would not have been located at Chicago. because Chicago did not come into existence until fifty years later. Neither could Congress have taken three days off to take a trip of a thousand miles and back, because such a jaunt would have occupied six weeks. The Congressional visit, says the World, "is in itself sufficient to show the century's growth of this

country." This is undoubtedly true; but it is impossible to avoid the reflection that the same trip may illustrate the century's growth of another and less desirable species. That is the growth of the connection between Congressional junkets and the appropriation to be granted by the junketers.

## THE VALUE OF PATRONAGE.

The result of the Chester County Republican Convention in refusing to indorse the Harrison administration preaches a whole volume of sermons on the value of patronage. Notwithstanding previous demonstrations that the use of the offices for political machinery is a burden to any administration, the superstition that its employment is necessary survives. It has been especially prominent in the policy of the administration during the past few

months. The refusal of the Chester convention to indorse Harrison shows just how much good patronage does for its dispenser, Chester is a Republican stronghold. It has been especially favored in the distribution of patronage. From the genial Thomas V. Cooper down it has furnished recruits in abundance to the United States offices in Philadelphia and Washington. Yet when it is called upon to pass an ordinary perfunctory resolution of indorse-

ment for the Harrison administration, such as Chester has furnished to order for every Republican administration since Lincoln's, the motion is decisively de-

feated. We cannot take this as an indication that the moral tone of Chester is aroused against the Harrison regime. On the contrary, Chester has indorsed worse things than the Harrison administration many times in the past and never made a wry face over it. There are suspicions of a factional fight in it; but a faction that gets the delegates can afford to let a perfunctory indorsement pass. Even on the theory of faction the result shows that the idea of strengthening an administration by the use of offices as political rewards and punishments is a delusion and a snare. The fact is that the use of Federal patronage in Chester county has weakened the administration

This is the result in nine cases out of ten; but the politicians continue to preach the necessity of using the offices in that way. Their reason for doing so is the simple one that under that system the politicians get the offices.

#### LOGIC FOR COMBINATIONS.

Remarkable examples of what passes for reasoning on important topics are the arguments of some Philadelphia cotemporaries on the Reading deal. The Times, which has assumed the character of the most enthusiastic champion of the corporate consolidation, produces a reply to the criticisms of the New York newspapers unique in its line. The anthracite coal roads have made Philadelphia pay more than New York for coal heretofore, and have sold their coal in Boston for the same as was charged in Philadelphia. Therefore, when an arrangement comes up, by which Philadelphia will have to pay less and the other cities more, according to the logic of the Times, it is gross impertinence for outside papers to make any attacks on the combinations of Pennsyl-

vania corporations. As a reply to the constitutional and legal argument this has a very unique aspect. It breathes an artless conviction that if a constitutional provision does not suit Philadelphia it is a dead letter. It improves on the Hon. Tim Campbell's inquiry and asks "What's the Constitution among corporate friends?" Very little indeed, as experience has taught.

That peculiar theory of constitutional observance is surpassed by the simple faith in that threadbare tale that the combination will make coal cheaper in Philadelphia. Everyone knows that the rea son why Philadelphia has had to pay more for anthracite coal than New York is that competition was more completely suppressed at Philadelphia. There has not been a ton of anthracite coal sold under free and natural competition for years; but the tendency to burst its bands has always been more imminent in New York and New England. The faith of the Times, that the further extinction of competition at Philadelphia more completely than at New York will cheapen coal at the former city, is touching, but almost too tender for this cold world.

There is a note of rougher logic, partaking of the proverbial "last argument." in what is apparently an inspired declaration in the Philadelphia Inquirer. This arti-cle states that the combination is an assured fact "whatever the courts may say." There we recognize the real ring of corporate supremacy! No matter for the law or the decision of the courts, the corporate edict is the final one. The strangling of the South Penn project went through no matter what the Constitution and courts said; why should not the anthracite combination display an equal superiority to

government by law? The logic of this ultima ratio is very convincing; but it is much more convincing as o the determination and ability of corpo than with regard to the legality or justice

## WON'T DO IN BUSINESS.

While the charge of the judge in the Delamater trial is not to be disputed with regard to its correctness on law points, it makes an assertion on a matter of book keeping which can hardly commend itself to the business mind. In determining the question of solvency or insolvency the Court held that "all the property of the firm and of individual members thereof must be included with reference to the hypothecation of any of it."

In other words, a firm owing \$500,000 is solvent because its members are individually worth \$1,000,000. So far so good. But if the individual members hypothecate the entire million dollars worth of their property, so that it is not available for the payment of any portion of the \$500,000 of debt, is the firm solvent? sired loan is enormously in excess It may be that the property thus removed from the list of available assets is ranked by the law as sustaining the character of solvency, but it is quite plain that assets the promoters is from the funds of the in that condition will not at all help the creditors to get their money.

Entirely apart from the legal application of this principle, it is necessary to insist that in business affairs men cannot eat their cake and have it in that style. A business man cannot hypothecate his assets, and keep them at the same time; and when a man has hypothecated all his assets without at the same time wiping out his liabilities, it is time for him to put up the shutters.

## A SUPERFLUOUS RAID.

The bill pending in Congress providing that a Federal building shall be erected in every town where the Government receipts exceed \$3,000 per annum has one recommendation. It contemplates a more equitable and uniform system of dividing the plunder than the present log-rolling method of distributing public buildings to the Congressmen who are most strenuous and imperative in the grab.

But that does not indicate that the bill should be passed. There is no public necessity for spending the nation's money in that way. On the contrary, there is a decided need for retrenching public expenditure. The revenue of the Government for some years to come will not exceed the necessities for purposes of real national requirements. To throw away money in putting buildings in places where all the siness can be transacted just as well in an ordinary storeroom would be a work of decided supererogation in the wasting of

public funds. Members of the present Congress should understand that there is no longer any need of devising schemes for throwing away the surplus funds. That work was so thoroughly done by the last Congress that nothing more will be needed in that line during the next decade.

In ordering Tolstoi to go home and desist from his efforts to relieve the faminestricken, the Czar bas given another proo his folly and the despotism that supports In the face of the denial that the truth letter was from Tolstoi's pen, one can only see that there is, unfortunately, no reason necessary for a despot's action. Of and unjust whether he wrote the letter or not. But the absolute want of thought is emphasized by the fact that he was innoent of the action which was objected to.

THE discovery of the Magdeburg murders is a striking illustration of the evil example of crime. And it is a strange commen tary on the failure of capital punishment to deter from homicide those possessed of greed and murderous inclinations.

THE doubt about the St. Louis Industrial Conference is not whether it will formulate a third party, but how many more it will in-

LIFE is a bed of roses filled with thorns for Tammany just now. What with the anti-Hill protest, objections to some of its census-taking methods and the cry against its proposal to evict the Staats-Zeitung it has plenty of exercise and little repose. The machine has been run for long at too high a pressure, and there is a good deal of indi-cation that an explosion is imminent which will be disastrous to the engineers.

PRESIDENTAL candidates in Guatemals are dealt with in a summary manner by the existing Chief Executive. He puts them out of the way instead of merely using his appointes to obtain votes for him. We are more refined in our methods.

HENSEL has taken a hand in the Reading deal and he should hold the trumps.

THE proposal to raise a fund for the erec tion of a monument in London to the mem-ory of James Russell Lowell is an indication of the esteem in which he was held there So well known a literary man as Leslie Stephen is well fitted to voice the public feeling, and the movement is evidence of the good feeling between this country and England, the existence of which many mischievous persons deny.

To make the account of that Montana meteor complete, it should have been posi-tively stated that the fiery visitor had been seen to start from one of the sun spots and watched throughout its complete course.

THE main object of the Baker ballot law s to prevent the cooking of results.

THE Paris police are to be congratulated on the success attending their prompt ac-tions against the anarchists. These threateners of public safety have been taught in an unmistakable manner that with an efficient police system it is even more risky to steal explosives from Government stores than to engage in illicit manufacture.

No doubt the discovery of a new and invisible star is of great interest to astrono-mers, but to the outsider "seeing is believ-ing." The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and that of the star in its shining.

FRANKLY speaking, Ohio is heard from in strong support of Cleveland.

THE righteous opposition to Hill's candidacy has carried his opponents into some rather ludicrous positions. There are so many real grounds for objection that it is a istake to note such trivialities as that Hill is a bachelor and that he does not own a ouse, especially when there is a doubt as to the latter statement.

THAT there was much discreditable to the nation during the War of the Revolution is only an additional reason for honoring the memory of those who did their duty at the foundation of our republic.

A DYING house is an appropriate place for an attempted murder.

PROPLE in California must be rapid in their movements. An earthquake shock at San Diego lasted one minute, and during that time persons are said to have left their beds, made their way from the fourth floor and looked back to see the buildings still tottering. This is sharp practice.

### PERTINENT PERSONALITIES.

KING HUMBERT intends to pay a visit to England in July next. SENATOR SHERMAN is about to build a

THE illness of ex-Dictator Fonseca is so erious that his recovery is considered out of the question,

THE oldest of the public men most talked about as Presidental nominees is Senato Palmer, who is 74. The youngest, excepting of course the Massachusetts favorite, Gov ernor Russel, is Senator Hill, who is 48.

ONE of the most promising of the younge orators in Congress is Isidor Raynor, a member from Maryland. He is about 40 years old, and has already become noted for his pre-eminence to learning as well as in elo-

PAUL B. DU CHAILLU, the explorer and traveler, is a very mild-mannered and modest man for a man who has penetrated the African jungles, slain half a dozen wild orang-outangs in close combat, as he has

THE President has appointed the following cadets at large at the United States Naval Academy: Paul E. Taussig, John T. M. Terry, Frank E. Ridgeley and Richard J. Oglesby, Jr. There were about 500 applicants for these places.

OSCAR WILDE'S new play is already eliciting hints of plagiarism from people who haven't heard it. Mr. Wilde ha enough of his own and many which few people would be willing to if his books are a criterion. would be willing to share with him,

## - PLAYS TO COME.

THE Rudolph Aronson Opera Company in its complete shape will come to the Duquesne Theater next week. It is the New York Casino company with all the stars, chorus and scenery of the original pro which are the two comic operas to be given The company is headed by Marie Tempest, who has made a little corner for herself in Pittsburg's heart already. Louise Beaudet Edwin Stevens, Fred Solomon and other capable people are in the cast. "The Tyrolean" is said to contain considerable music of unusual merit, and "Nanon" everybody knows is a bright and lively comic opera.

YESTERDAY'S matinee of "Sinbad" at the Duquesne Theater beat the record of even that extraordinary success. The crowds filled all the approaches to the theater long before the doors opened and stopped the cable cars on Penn avenue. Half an hour after the doors had been opened they had to be closed again, because the parquet, galleries, boxes and all the standing room wer filled. So overwhelming was the crowd at the doors that Mr. Henderson had it photographed as a memento of "Sinbad's"

week in Pittsburg. THE Swedish comedy drama, "You You son," which made a hit here last season will be given at the Bijon Theater next week. Gus Heege, the originator of Swedish dialect character in America, continues to play the hero, and it is said that his com pany is unusually strong. The sensational scene of the breaking of the log jam, which is one of the features of the play, is said to be more realistically produced than ever.

An interesting feature of the production of "The Soudan" at the Alvin next week will be the novel manner in which the scenery is maniputated. There are in all 15 changes, yet the longest wait between acts is two minutes, while several of the movements are made in full view of the anlience in less than 30 seconds. Three war horses, 27 stage hands and 300 auxiliaries will be employed in this presentation.

"MR, BARNES OF NEW YORK," the dramatic version of Archibald Clavering Gunter's novel of that name, will be presented at the Grand Opera House next week by a company containing several actors of ability. MARGARET MATHER, as Juilet, delighted a very large matinee audience at the Bijou Theater yesterday. As of old, she played the part with much spirit and sweetness. Her production of "The Egyptian" now course, the attempt to degrade one who has done more than anybody to relieve the peasants would have been just as foolish tain now talls by il r. z.

# DISHES OF BOSTON BEANS.

Ben Butler One of the Easiest Public Men to Identify-No One Can Mistake His Portly Form-Common Sights on the Streets.

A tottering old man, whose very eadth of frame seemed a burden to him, and whose scant white locks escaped from a black silk skull cap, attracted a good deal of attention on board the Fall River line steamer Plymouth a few nights ago. In spite of his feebleness, which was shown in his reliance upon the arms of his trusty colored man and a friend, one on each side, whenever he left his state room, and in spite of his evident desire to pass unknown, everybody recognized him, and many in-sisted upon shaking him by the hand. There are certain strongly-marked features about General B. F. Butler that make him one of the easiest of our public men to identify. But I was not prepared to see such a shaky ruin of a man whose physical vigor was as ruin of a man whose physical vigor was as remarkable almost as his mental strength in the campaign of 1894. While his books, his speeches and his combats in court-show that he has lost none or his aggressiveness and robust intellectuality, it is plain that physical weakness will prevent the doughty victor of New Orleans from indulging in such violent pastimes as a Presidental can-

#### A Common Sight There.

It was a cold day, the mercury not many degrees above zero, when I took my first look at Boston's supreme pride and treasure, the Common. The common, as with most city parks, looks a trifle mangy in mid-winter, but on the day I speak of it was glittering under a nice new coat of snow, and the sun-shine was also paying golden compliments to the historic dome of the State House. As I entered the Common from Tremont street I beheld a sight which struck me as being peculiarly characteristic of Boston — a couple of fashionably dressed young women were gazing in turn through a big telescope at the spots on his solar majesty. How many girls outside of Boston are there who would squander 20 cents upon sun spots, in a freezing temperature, while caramels are quoted at or about 40 cents a pound?

#### Time Spares Not Snobbery.

It would be well if snobbery always met with the late of a rank example to be found in the little museum attached to the Bunker Hill Monument. If you visit Boston you will, of course, go to see its ugliest and most illustrious monument, and when you do be sure to look at a framed paper that hangs just inside the museum door. It costs 10 cents or a quarter to get in, but it's worth that to see this pathetic evidence of the evanescent character of princely glory.

In 1860 Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, who had not then achieved the illustrious title of Tummy, or renown as a player of baccarat, visited Boston. He was entertained magnificently, and, of course, had to climb up the immortal and uncommonly steep sides of Bunker Hill to look at the stone reminder of the drubbing his "blabsted" ancestors received there at the hands of his hosts' grandfathers. In return the Prince and his suite condescended to inscribe their autographs upon the same piece of paper with those of the Mayor of Boston, the Aldermen and divers other dignitaries. They must have used the same ink, and prouably, think of it! the same pen. But we can only guess about the pens, for the democratic daylight has ruthlessly erased the signatures. The inscription in print at the top of the paper still informs us that below are the signatures of the Prince of Wales and his suite, the Mayor of Boston and all sorts of great men, but the blank sheet of paper below gives the lie to the statement. A few faint marks, such as a housefly might title of Tummy, or renown as a player of sorts of great men, but the statement. A few faint marks, such as a housefly might have painted in hours of idleness, are all that is left of royal or republican antographs. Perhaps it was a punishment for my irreverent mirth at this discovery that I tell on the ice-coated steps of the monument and carried a black and blue momento of Bunker Hill for a week on my knee.

### A Bride's Quick Wit.

February is not the favorite month for honeymooning, but somehow or other since the 1st 1 have kept on meeting brides, and, still worse, bridegrooms, on the cars, on the boat, and in the notels. Here's a sample piece of conversation that was forced upon my unwilling ears:

He—To-morrow, dearest, I shall have to go back to work, and what will you do then all day?

She—Oh! I shall die—it is too bad we can't always be together.

she—Off: I shall die—It is to date always be together.

He—It might be worse, you know: You can go with me when I have to travel. What would you do if—If—If (his imagination almost audibly eracked under the strain)—If I were a cardriver?

She (quickly)—I'd be your conductor, of course!

## A Cultured Little Baggage.

One of the things a stranger notices as soon as anything he sees, as soon as the ubiquity of beans, shoestores and notices of test, spiritualist, meetings in Boston, is the little cloth bag, or reticule, that young, middle aged and old women carry whenever they walk abroad. Somehow I associated it with the prevalence of culture, and imagned as its contents a copy of Emerson's essays, a pamphlet or two on the destiny of voman, and such light refreshments and woman, and such light refreshments and necessaries as a box of cough lozenges and a spectacle case. Perhaps my imagination is in touch with the insjority of bag-carriers, but the one concrete revetation which I was vonchsafed did not tally with my ideal.

It was in one of those long electric cars that scale several ranges of mountains in the south end suburbs that I stood in front of a remarkably pretty girl. By the way, there is no seat for a man in Boston street cars during the busy hours of morning or afternoon. There is barely room for all the women, and to jog the courteous instincts of afternoon. There is barely room for all the women, and to log the courteous instincts of males, all the cars are carrying this adver-tisement prominently displayed:

The man who lets a lady stand
Where others push and crowd her,
Should take the best and strongest brand
Of \_\_\_\_\_\_'s Baking Powder,
To raise him! Well, as I was saying, I stood in front of a pretty girl, say 18 years over 7, who was reading the editorials in a Boston paper. Here, said I to myself, is a sample package of Boston's beauty and brains put up together. Then the conductor interjected a request for our lares, and the damozel dived into the cloth reticule of regulation pattern which she carried and came to the surface again with a purse. As she was extracting a nickel somehow or other she upset all the money in her purse into the aforesaid bag. The dimes and nickels and pennies of course sought the innermost recesses, the very penetralia of the bag. Beauty blushed, and no doubt said inwardly whatever is the feminine Bostonese for "u-it!"

She had lots of courage, however. She emptited the bag, reticule or whatever you may choose to call it into her lap. I will not take an affidavit that it covers everything, but here is a schedule of what I saw come out of that bag: A, silver bon-bon box, a

out of that bag: A, silver bon-bon box, a theater programme, an opera glass, a vinaig-rette of silver, a yellow-backet novel, name unknown, a package of chewing gum, two or three letters, a lace handkerchief, two small, soft paper parcels, likely ribbons or that sort of thing, the errant change and a strong odor of cologne.
She must have left her "culture" at home

or the Boston newspaper she read supplied all she needed for traveling use.

#### American Goods Abroad. Tilly Haynes, the noted Protectionist

of Boston, is very fond of impressing his views upon those who stay at his hotel, the Governor McKinley, and during the last campaign in Ohio, spent a couple of weeks with the author of the tariff law upon the stump. He told me several good stories illustrative of the beneficial results of the high tariff. For instance Mr. Haynes, who is a stout swarthy man with English whiskers, said to me: "Some friends of mine who think they cannot be well dressed

whiskers, said to me: "Some friends of mine who think they cannot be well dressed unless they buy their clothes in England, went to Poole, the big London tailor, recently, to buy some Bond street apparei. Mr. Poole laid great stress upon the fine quality of the silk used for linings in his coats. It was all imported silk, he said. His American customers, asked where the silk was made, and Mr. Poole replied that he imported all his finest silks from New Jersey, U. S. A.

"When I was abroad last year I was astonished to find how general was the use of American manufactures in the cities of Enrope. For example when I was in St. Petersburg some of my party wanted to buy a few mementoes of the place and visited a jewelry store. They asked for novelties in the way of gold chains and remarked that what was shown them seemed very familiar in appearance. Finally they protested that none of the chains they had seen struck them as being very novel in design. 'Oh! that cannot be,' replied the jeweler with a shrug of his shoulders, 'for these are the latest importations.'

"The latest importations? and from what country? asked my friend.

"The latest inworty I get is from New York, and I assure you these are the latest styles." replied the Russian."

Herbura Johns.

## THE CONTRACT NOT BINDING.

There Could Be No Marriage Under This Kind of an Agreement. Bosron, Feb. 24.-[Special.]-The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has declared that Mrs. Jennie Lake, the noted spiritualist, and her alleged husband, Prof. William F. Peck, were never married, and therefore cannot be divorced, although they lived as husband and wife for many years. The couple entered into this singular marriage contract in Portland, Ore., in October, 1877, although for three years previously they had lived in California as man and wife. Their contract provided that they enter into co-partnership on the basis of the true mar-

riage relation. Recognizing love the only law which should govern their relationship law which should govern their relationship they agreed to continue this co-partnership "so long as mutual affection shall exist, and to dissolve when the union becomes disagreeable or undesirable to either party."

They also agreed that all property that should be acquired by mutual help should be equally divided on the dissolution of said co-partnership. Afterward they lived as husband and wife in Oregon for three months, in California for about a year, in New York for three months and in Boston from 1880 up to the time when Mrs. Peck left her alleged husband. The full Bench says in its opinion: "There is nothing in the law of California, where the parties had their domicile, or in the law of Oregon, where the contract was signed, which recognizes an agreement to live together so long as mutual affection shall exist as a marriage contract."

#### FOUND BY A PICTURE

### How a Long Lost Brother Was Discovered

by a Sister After Years. DENVER, Feb. 24.—All the morning papers in Denver to-day printed the likeness of D. G. Ramsay, Chief of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, who is also a member of Illinois' Legislature from East St. Louis. About Il o'clock a lady rushed into one of the offices crying, "Where is he? Where is my long lost brother?" When she calmed down she said that she had been separated from her brother, D. G. Ramsay, 10 years. She had heard of the chief of the O. R. T. many times. His likeness in the papers was exact.

Soon a couple of reporters hurried out and Soon a couple of reporters hurried out and found Ramsay, and in 20 minutes he met and recognized his sister. They had not seen one another for loyears, that much they both admit, but they will not tell how they happened to separate. Ramsay says he left home when Il years of age and went on the Vandalia road. The sister's name is Mrs. Josephine Padgett. She lives in the Northside in a cozy little cottage with a tawny husband. Ramsay spent a pleasant evening at his sister's home. He has another sister missing. He is now thoroughly convinced that advertising pays and the profits are swift and reliable. are swift and reliable.

### DISSENTING IRISH LEAGUERS.

They Do Not Believe in Raising Funds for Distinct Factions of Their Body.

Lincoln, Nes., Feb. 24.-William Lyman. Tressurer, and John P. Sutton, Secretary of the Irish National League of America, do not indorse the views expressed by President M. V. Gannon in his address of yesterday. The names were signed in good faith by President Gannon, according to old pre-

cedents.

They regret to be obliged to publicly dissent from the President's views, as they do not believe in raising funds for distinct factions of what ought to be a united body. They think that the approach of a general election will force a union and they ought to raise funds to meet the emergency of a general election, the money to be used for the support of a thoroughly united party.

### THE FASTEST YET RECORDED.

The Steamer Majestic Lowers the Time Across the Atlantic, New York, Feb. 24.-The passage of the

steamer Majestic is, relative to distance, the fastest yet recorded. On her seventeenth voyage the time of passage was 5 days is hours 8 minutes, and distance run 2,775

miles.
The time of the voyage just completed was 5 days 20 hours 22 minutes and distance 2,865 miles, 90 miles more, equivalent at the rate steamed to 4 hours and 23 minutes, which would make her time on short route 5 days 15 hours 54 minutes, the fastest ever made. The average speed throughout the passage was 20.41 knots per hour. The daily runs were as follows: 470, 485, 504, 503, 514 and 386.

Needs a Ministerial Crisis Just Now. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] England needs a ministerial "crisis" just

#### now more than France did. Her Cabinet and her Parliament do not reflect the publ sentiment of the day on the leading issues.

and the British people think that a new deal

ought to be had. DEATHS HERE AND BLSEWHERE. E. M. Chamberlain, Reformer. E. M. Chamberlain, well known as a labor

reformer and Abolitionist, died at his home in Boston Tuesday morning. Mr. Chamberlain had long been known as an earnest and persistent champion of the labor movement. In his early years he was associated with Garrison, Phillips and other noted anti-slavery advocates. All phases of the labor reform movement received his moral and financial support. For a number of years he was in constant attendance at all the hearings of legislative committees whenever abili was under consideration that directly affected the was under consideration that directly affected the interests of the wage workers. The advocates of woman suffrage always found in him a staunch friend. His activity was not confined to the labor or woman suffrage causes. The temperance movement always received his warm support. In the days of the greenback agitation Mr. Chamberlain worked night and day, speaking and writing in fayor of the movement. He was at one time proprietor and editor of the Echo, a journal published for the purpose of educating the people upon radical and economical questions.

## Cardinal Gaspard Mermillod,

Cardinal Mermillod, Bishop of Lausanne and Geneva, died Tuesday at Berne, Switzerland. He was born in 1824 at Caronge, near Geneva. He became an ecclesiastic at an early age, and in 1846 he was parish priest at Geneva. There he displayed remarkable activity, and he was instrumental in raising the Church of Notre Dame, which was opened in 1857. He obtained great influence at Rome on secount of his zeal and rare eloquence, and in 1854 he was consecrated Bishop of Lausanne and Geneva as Vicar General. In 1873 Pins IX. nominated him Vicar Apostolic of Geneva. Consequently, on February I7, the Bishop was exited, the decree saying: "This decree Is to hold good as long as the person elected shall not declare to the Federal Council or to the Government of Geneva that he renounces the functions conferred upon him," etc. For ten years Bishop Mermillod was absent from his field, yet he was active in his labors for the Catholic faith in France. He was created a cardinal in 1850. became an ecclesiastic at an early age, and in 184

## John Ingraham, West Newton

John Ingraham, aged 72 years, died very inflammation of the brain. Mr. Ingraham wa inflammation of the brain. Mr. Ingraham was well known all over the county, having taught school for a number of years in his early days From 1855 to 1884 he was Government Gauger for this district. At the recent borough election h was defeated for Justice of the Feace by A. M Dick, the Democratic nominee, although the tow is overwhelmingly Republican. Mr. Ingraham was confident of success, and it is said toat worry ove the defeat hastened his death.

Obituary Notes. JOEL GUTHAN, one of Baltimore's successf drygoods merchants, died Tuesday night. PHILIP McCall, of Cumberland, Md., died re-

DR. E. W. HALE, of Bellefonte, died at Ment France, last Saturday. The body will be brough to Lewiston for interment. MAJOR A. M. SEVIER, formerly Railroad Commissioner of Missouri, died in Leosho, Mo., 'yes terday, aged 61 years. He was Commissioner from 1879 to 1884.

acrobat, and leaper with most of the big circuses this country, died at his home in Cheesea, Mass, several days ago, aged 32. MRS. SUSAN WAKEFIELD, widow of Dr. Cyre nus Wakefield, the millionaire patent medie manufacturer and philanthropist of Bioomingt Ill., died there suddenly Tuesday night, aged

MRS. CHART, the well-known English manage

HOR MEMHARD, who has performed as clown

is dead in London, aged 54. She had leased and conducted the Brighton Theater for a number of years. Her son, H. Nye Chart, is at present in this country with Mr. and Mrs. Kendai's company. SAMUEL. WALTE, New Casile's oldest citizer died at his home there yesterday evening. The deceased was horn in Connecticut in 1798 and went to New Casile to years ago. He was father of Andrew and Samue. Waite and voted the Bepublicaticket from the formation of the party. SAMUEL YOUNG, of Lancaster, called at a law office Tuesday morning with a friend, While in the office Mr. Young was attacked with heart discase, and died in a few minutes. He was 72 years old, and for many years was in charge of the large flour mills at Bungardner station on the Reading Railroad.

RICHARD FREEMAN, the comedian, is amo RICHARD PAREMAN, the comedian, is among recent deaths. He has been on the stage since childhood, and was the son of an eld actor, formerly at the Broadway and Olympic Theater in New York. "Dick" Freeman was a good dialect actor, and he was also a tumbler of no little cleverness. He died in Bloomfeld, la., while on the road with

### DINNER DANCE DIDOS.

This Function Is a Capital Thing to Soub One's Friends With-A New New York Club-A Few Things of Interest in the

Social World. In Boston, they think the dinner dance is a lively institution. They say in the vocabulary of the bean locality, that it is eminently appropriate to the American temperament and combines all the loys of gastronomy with the frivolous exercise of youth; consequently satisfying two elements in society which must be entertained at any cost. In me sense it is a telescopic dissipation; a long drawn out pleasure that tapers into the "wee sma" hours. Then, too, this dinner dance is delightfully exclusive, and a hostess dance is delightfully exclusive, and a hostess can offend a larger number of dear friends in a given circle by giving only one, than she could possibly do by any other form of entertainment. A would-be society leader has lately found this out to her internal disastisfaction, and, yet, as dinner dances are the thing, how could she avoid the fashionable distinction? But when one goes in lor giving the dinner dance it must be in the plural—not singular—number.

THE arrival of Mr. George M. Jaques, of New York, in Pittsburg, reminds one of the interesting club of which he is the ruling officer. The Morris Club, of New York, has been in existence for two years and traces its name back to Governor Morris, the dis-creet representative of the United States, during the perilous days of the Paris Commune. His grandson, Henry Lewis Morris, is the first Vice President of the Club, which is the first Vice President of the Club, which is situated up town in One Hundred and Thirty-inth street, and is said to be one of the prettiest and certainly one of the cosiest clubs in the metropolis. Speaking of historical affairs, it might not be uninteresting to mention that the Morris Club stands on old historical ground. In the days when this country assisted its claim with England to having reached its majority this part of town, the lower portion of West Chester county, was the neutral territory. Mr. Jaques, who is known to the business world of the Republic, has been President of the club since its establishment. It is non-political, though its membership includes some of the most brilliant men in metropolitan political, civic and literary circles.

THE interesting event of last night was the marriage of Miss Edith Margaret Johnson and Wesley V. Dermitt, which was celebrated in St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 5 o'clock. Particularly was the wedding at 5 o'clock. Particularly was the wedding pleturesque, owing to the introduction of the celebrated surplised boy and girl choir, which preceded the bridal party in procession round the church from the vestry to the altar. The bride was attended by Miss McClurg, who eminently filled the role of maid of honor. Both the bride and her maid were in white; the bride of course westing a court train and a bridal vell, while the maid was distinguished by the studied simplicity of her tollette. Big studied simplicity of her tollette. Big bunches of yellow daffodils filled their hands giving a slight premonition of the spring which was reveling outside in the march it had stolen on dismal February.

march it had stolen on dismal February. The church was very prettily decorated. The Rev. Mr. McKay, the pastor, performed the ceremony. The ushers were: Mr. J. J. Miller, Mr. Weiderhold, Mr. Rowan and Mr. Anderson, and the best man, Mr. William Lyons, Jr. Mr. Charles Scovel presided at the organ, in his always graceful fashion, and his playing formed an agreeable accessory to the bridal his always graceful fashion, and his playing formed an agreeable accessory to the bridal march with which the choir in procession introduced the bride into the church. As well as the bride and her attendants wearing daffodils, the ushers had their button holes embellished in a similar manner; all walking in delightful suggestion of spring. After the wedding a small reception was held at the home of the bride's father, Dr. J. B. Johnson. At 80 clock, Mr. and Drs. Dermitt left for New York, from which portieny will sail, per steamer Etruria, for Europe, to traveling in which they will devote the succeeding half year or ten months. Further plans will be delayed until their return home. Mr. Dermitt is well known in Pittsburg and the bride has spent the larger part of her time in this city. part of her time in this city.

THE days of the souvenir spoon are nur hered. It started out bravely; the idea was very pretty, but, like all ideas of a popular very pretty, but, like all ideas of a popular nature, it has been run into the ground. As a collection object its mission is over. At least since the Chicago girls have taken to wearing souvenir spoons tucked in the front of their gowns under their chins, it looks as though usefulness was to be once more its only aim. We shall not part with those artistic spoons with which fortune has favored us, but we shall sternly resent eccentric devices getting the better of this simple though necessary utensil henceforth. aimple though necessary utensil henceforth Art is one thing, fancy is quite another. Ir requires but little sunshine to bring

forth spring wild flowers. It is delightful to enjoy both within the smoky precincts of Pittsburg thus early in the year. Thanks to Mrs. Schenley and the sunshine there was yesterday found in Panther Hollow, in Schenley Park, several blossoms of the Mrs. Schenley and the substitute was vesterday found in Panther Hollow, in Schenley Park, several blossoms of the liverleaf or hepatica. They were very venturesome for such fragile creations. Dainty, and pure, life out of death, they uplifted their sweet laces from above and amid the decay of the past year to bring their guerdeon of blossom and beauty into the new. It is noteworthy how these welcome little visitors time their first calls. Last year in the selfsame place they were first found on Washington's birthday. They are only two days later this year, but as a whole they are a little behind last season. A few more warm and sunny days will tempt them forth in greater numbers. At present the searcher must explore carefully among the dried leaves for the hepatica's tufts of greener ones, and then, gently brushing saide their last year's coverlid, patience and fair fortune will reveal to you the cradle and the beaty of Dame Nature's first bow.

THIS afternoon Mrs. J. C. Porter, of Seech street, entertains from 4 o'clock to 6 ANOTHER reception of this afternoon

that given by Mrs. George L. McCoy, in honor of Mrs. Smith and Miss McCullough. MRS. HENRY HAMMOND, of Center ave me, entertains to-day in honor of Miss Rus-ell, of Buffalo.

MRS. SAMUEL WARMCASTLE enternined last night at an agreeable card party

INVITATIONS were issued yesterday for a pre-Lenten function, a fancy work party, given by Mrs. David Pollock Black and Mrs. Frederick Gebhard Fricke for Thursday afternoon, March 3, from I o'clock to 4 Wealth for the Churches

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—[Special.]—The meeting of the Committee on Church Extension of the New York Presbytery, which was held on Tuesday evening at Jay Gould's residence, has resulted in bringing into the committee between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The money raised is to be used in establishing and aiding new churches up town.

Scraped Together Some Gay Legislators. Minucapolis Tribune. For a highly moral State lows has managed to scrape together some rather gay and

festive legislators this trip.

The Same Old Jones. Washington Post. ] Freight Paver Jones has been heard from at last. He is the same old Jones.

# DAVID'S LITTLE SPEECH. Democracy "is progress," says Mr. Hill. Yes, it was progress toward disunion some years ago.—Germantown Times.

MR. HILL may find that he has cut his own throat with his midwinter convention and anti-free coinage plank. - Toledo Blade. DAVID B. Hill quoting Abraham Lincol

and Cardinal Newman in a Democratic State

Convention recalls the old saying about his Satanic Majesty quoting Scripture,-New Mr. Hill did not commit the indiscretic of being "overwhelmed with this unex

pected honor, etc." He had his speech ready, like a sensible man, and delivered it for all it was worth .- Washington Star. Mn. Hill spoke at Albany yesterday, and Mr. Cleveland spoke at Abun Arbor, Mich.
The remarks of the latter speaker are quite
likely to become more indellibly impressed
upon the hearts of his countrymen.—Boston

Avree making three speeches referring to silver, Mr. David Bennett Hill's opinion of free silver is still as lucid as mud. This is, indeed, the consummation of high art in "practical politics," but the plain people fail to see the sense of it.—Cleveland Leader.

THERE was something extremely lugubrious in the quotation by David Bennett Hill yesterday of the beautiful lines of Cardinal Newman's hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," to the gang of heelers and strikers in front of him.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A Catasauqua man roasts and eats car as his only meat.

-Japan's population of 41,000,000 souls lives on 18,000,000 acres.

-Bine birds, popularly supposed to be

harbingers of spring, have hung around Quakertown all winter.

The new German tent is devisible into two portions, each of which can be con-verted into an overcoat in case of rain. -A Philadelphian has made an umbrella stand 23/4 feet high, which is composed of 1,590 separate pieces and 15 kinds of wood.

-The street ears in Leavenworth, Kan., are to be run with compressed air. The citizens have raised the money to raise the -A pure white mink that had killed 50

chickens and 100 ducks was shot by Howard Conningham in East Bradford, Chester county. -The girls of the Woman's College, Baltimore, have decided to don the capar gown. They are to be worn on all college days and on all college occasions.

-A new diamond is being cut in Antwerp said to be the largest ever found in Africa. It weighs 400 carets, and when it is finished it will be reduced one-balf. -With a jack-knife James Ingram, of

East Bradford, has carved on a dogwood cane a fox hunt, with a dozen hounds and a mounted hunter or two in the chase. '-Lederachville, Bucks county, has a dog that eats three pounds of crackers without taking a drink. Neighbors say "it proves that the town has gone dry too long."

-The sig Shields brothers of Collin county, Tex., have an average height of \$ feet 8 inches, and Colonel Henry Thurston, of Titus county, Tex., towers up to the height of 8 feet 5 inches.

-Thirty thousand dollars' worth liquors were dispensed, "for medical and mechanical purposes only," by the Bidde-ford, Me., city agency during the past year, at a net profit of \$2,667.

There are a few old toll bridges in Maine which still perpetuate a curious law. They have signs proclaiming that all persons save "paupers, Indians and clergymen" must pay toll on crossing. -Between 40 and 50 species of bacteria

have been found in normal milk and cream. This large number is due to the fact that milk is apt to collect any species of bacteria that may be floating in the air. -The Pennsylvania Railroad has decided to give all Christian ministers half fare passes over its lines, and the Philadelphia office of the company is crowded with elergymen of all sorts, from bishops to Salvation Army captains, and from orthodox pastors to Latter Day saints.

-A theater party, made up in Detroit, to run over to Chicago to see a play or hear an opera, is a new form of Western amusement. It is only about 300 miles' run, and the party has a noon luncheon on the train, dinner in Chicago, and leaves again by the midnight train for breakfast.

-The Buddhists in India have a horror of eating the flesh of animals, believing them to be incarnations of human beings' souls: but they permit themselves the luxury of fish, usually getting around the difficulty by saving that the fishermen take away the fishes' lives and are responsible. -Turkish and Persian pipes, it is said, are difficult to manage. They require the

ragrant yellow tambake, that must be

soaked in water, wrung out, and put in the

bowl with a live coal on top. This pipe is now relegated to the elders, for the younger generation in Western Asia smoke eigar--In the magnificent court of the temple —in the magnineent court of the temple of Medinet Haboo the traveler will see a score of columns, several of them bearing Greek inscriptions, and in the chambers on the northwest side of the temple he will see crosses designed to consecrate parts of the building which had previously been devoted to pagan uses.

-An amusing incident occurred in the Circult Court at West Point, Miss. A negro boy being tried for stealing two pairs of tronsers, and having no lawver, Judge Campbell asked him if he desired to speak. He promptly replied in the affirmative and spoke "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck," to the judge and jury. -In Norfolk county, Va., a few days ago

Cornelius Wood fired at another negro, named Henry Adams, at close range; with a pistol. The ball struck a bottle of whisky in nis pocket, passed through it and struck a quarter of a dollar and glanced off. Wood, seeing the whisky running down the man's leg, thought he had killed him, and made his -The remarkable instinct which causes the mudiish to roll himself in a ball of mud when the dry season approaches is a wonder

when the dry season approaches is a wonder-ful provision of nature, intended solely, it would seem, to prevent the extinction of the species. The most interesting fact about this fish is that it breathes by means of gills when in its native element and by means of lungs during its voluntary imprisonment in the mud cocoon. -Opals have been found in great numbers of late in Oregon. A dredger at work pumping gravel from the bottom of the Wil ing gravel from the bottom of the Wil-liamette river has brought up quantities of the gems, and several mines of considerable extent have recently been opened in Multnomah county. Most of the stones are cloudy, but a few of rare quality have been found. As high as \$60 has been obtained for one stone in the rough.

-A paper company at Niagara Falls finds it no easy task to decide how the terrifle power from the 130 feet head of water which is to be at their disposal is to be utilized. At a recent conference of the officers of the company, about 20 wheels and methods of developing power were submitted to them, and all but three were finmediately passed over as being wholly inadequate to the occasion.

-In Eastern Asia, where the pipes retain the small bowl, like those originally introduced from Europe, fine cut tobacco is generally smoked. Japan and China both use this finely cut tobacco. The North American Indian smoked the bark of the red willow, with or without a mixture of tobacco, and his catlinite pipes remain at this day among the most agreeable of the almost innumerable forms of smoking pipes.

-A sewing machine has been invented which stitches easily and rapidly through layers of leather five-eighths of an inch in thickness, this having been accomplished on thickness, this naving been accomplished on a first exhibitory trial: in a second trial, stitches were made evenly and rapidly through a piece of bird's-eye maple three-eighths of an inch thick; and, in a third test, the still more remarkable feat was achieved, viz., that of sewing through a layer of brass one-eighth of an inch thick, placed between pieces of leather.

## JOKELETS FROM JUDGE.

"They used to put a man in Ludlow Street Jail when he couldn't pay his debts, didn't they?"
"Yes. They had a hope that he'd win enough there at poker to siquidate." Tailor-I can't wait any longer. I gave

you a whole month to pay it.

Hardup—Say, be reasonable. When I agreed to
it i forgot that it was a short month. Although he seems so lucky starred

His riches yet take wings. Because he always works so bard A-doing useless things. "Weil, What luck?" "Pot luck,"
"How much was there in the pot?"

engagement rings.

Jeweler-Yes, miss. What is the size of the young gentleman's flugger?" "Why did you attempt to shoot your wife, Isaacsy

Young woman-I want to look at some

ezness vas padt. I neededt dher adtfertis "The total coal output in this country exceeds a million tons, " remarked the optimist,
"Yes," replied the pessimist; "but it all goes up
in smoke,"

They rode together, nicely paired,

And, tolder grown, at last he dared
To place his arm around her waist.
Angry, she cried, "Your arm's misplaced!
I can support myself," "You can?"
Said he with Joy. "Then I'm your man.
For years I've sought for such as you.
Pray set the wedding day, dear, do," Clara-George seems to be a clever young

man, papa."

Papa-Yes: George is all right.

Clara-Then why do you object to our union?

Papa-He's a rainmaker, and if there's anything
I hate to carry it's an umbrells. Mrs. Clingon-Ah, dear professor, women love youth, you know.

Prof. Krankers May be, madam: but from their
persisting in hanging on to it, 27 section to be a farorise age with them.