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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

-All the Plays in Town Oriticised.

DISPATCH TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1892.

LOOSE NUPTIAL KNOTS.

How the Divorce Laws Are Bespon for Queer Matrimonial Epi

thes in a New Play-Willard in The Mid-dieman-Natural Gas Better Than Ever SCHANTON, March 7.- [Special.]-In the sum-mer of 1875 Miss Kate Landis, a rosy-The historical drams "La Czarina," from the French of Eugene Scribe, was presented last night at the Alvin Theater by Mile mer of 1870 miss hate Lands, a roy-cheeked Pennsylvania Dutch giri, kept house for Mr. Leston D. Sperry. Albert Baboock was the farm hand, and in the fall he and Miss Landis were married. He bired Rhea. It is an interesting and strong play, showing in its admirable construction, as Rhea. It is an interesting and strong play, showing in its admirable construction, as well as in the sublety of its play, the mas-torful hand of the expert French dramatist. The play deals with one of the many in-trigues of Catherine, the wifs of Peter the Great. The Empress loves a young Polish Count, and her husband gets wind of their passion, which is mutual. Peter hears of an attempt by Arpieha, the Polish Count, to meet the Empress alone by night in a cer-tian part of the palace. Oigs, the daughter of Prise Adoutlof, alone shares the Empress' aparto:ents, and to turn the suspicion from the imperial lady Snyichs pretends that he was in the palace to see Oigs. To test his sinderty the Gan orders Snyichs to marry. Oigs then and there. Oigs is willing enough, for she loves Snyicha, while he submits with had grace. So they are married. Still Peter is not satisfied. His suspicions are aroused afresh by Oigs' administon before her father that she knew nothing of Snyichs's presence in the palace at night. Snyichs is confronted with Oigs by the Car and asked to explain. Again Oigs comes to the rescue with the confession, for she sees her husband's head is in danrer, that she had made an assignation with Snyicho. "How is thist" asked the Crar at this he and Miss Landis were married. He hired a farm the next spring, but he did not get along as well as his wife thought he ought to, and in 1578 she left him and got a divorce. Seven, months afterward Mrs. Baboock mar-ried James Starkweather was a widower with two young children, and he owned a small place. His wife did not like the neighbor-hood and he sold out and moved to Cameron county.

hood and he sold out and moved to cannot be sounty. In 1880 Mrs. Starkweather not a divorce from her husband in another county and in 1883 she moved to McRean county and mar-ried a middle-aged farmer, Asro Fellows He had been married twice before, but he had no children, and they lived together until 1885, when Mrs. Fellows went to the western part of the State and got a divorce in 1887 she married H. L. Phelan, a farmer of Washington county. He was a well-tody Washington county. He was a well-to-de widower, with a large family of girls, and Mrs. Phelan lived with him until Jane, 1960 when she want away, got a divorce and be ran to work away.

when she want away, got a divorce and be-gan to work again. Mean while Babcock, her first husband, stayed in Colley township, worked hard and accumulated considerable property. Last fail Kate returned to Colley township. A week ago Thursday she gave up her place and said she was going to Washington county. Babcock went a way the same day, and on Wedneedsy last they returned to gether. They were remarried in Buffalo. that she had made an assignation with Sopicho. "How is this?" asked the Czar at this point. "You said a moment ago that you knew nothing of Sapiha's presence in the palace that uight." Ah, but Your Majesty forgets my father was present?" replies the quick witted Ofga. But this shrewdness and self sacrifice is wasted for the Czar determines to make a clean sweep of all the conspirators—as he believes them to be. While the Czar is plotting a general slaughter, Prince Menzikoff opportunely drops some poison in the royal cup, and—ater a stormy closing scene with Catherine—Peter the Great is food for worms.

GEN. BUTLEB BEATEN.

He Indorsed a Note for \$12,000 and Now Must Pay It.

Bosrow, March 7. - [Special.] - General Ben F. Butler has been beaten in a suit at law which will take a little over \$15,000 out of his pocket. The suit was brought by the Pres cott National Bank, of Lowell, against the General on a note made by A. S. Woodworth and Harry H. Hale for \$12,500, dated June 13, 1886, and payable in four months to General Butler. The suit was against General But-ler as indorser of the note, which he discounted. The note was protested for non-payment, and the General, on being sued in April, 1890, set up as a defense that he bought is of S. Mosely & Co., Boston brokers, and they did not discount it di-

brokers, and they did not discount it di-rectly. Another defense set up later in the case, was that the note was made on the Lord's Day, and was illegal and yold. The case was tried at East Cambridge. The plaintiff ad-mitted that the note was made on a Sunday, but declared that that made no difference, because they were suing an indorser and that the indorsement was made on a Satur-day, July 10, 1986. The bank's judgment is for the face of the note and accrued inter-est. The General will take the case to the Supreme Court. upreme Court.

NYSTERIOUS GHOSTS EXPOSED.

The Unexplainable Made Clear by the Wheels of a Passing Street Car.

New York Sun.1 Here is a strange thing. The window along a Pittsburg street are persistently broken by missiles discharged against them at a high velocity. The police are driven to despair: the window insurance companies' detectives are baffled. Then a pebble hums

past the head of the pedestrian who is watching an electric street car and pene-

watching an electric street car and pene-trates the heavy plate glass behind him, and the mystery is solved. It appears that the railway company mended its permanent way with a top dress-ing of screened river gravel. When the car wheel pinched one of these little round peubles it shot cut like a rifle ball. The world is full of ghosts whose games are less of a mystery by half than that of the Pitte-burg electric street cars.

FORESTALLING THE SQUATTERS.

A Military Force Sent to an Indian Res

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.-Orders have been issued from the military headquarters here for a company of infantry and a detachmen of cavalry to proceed to morrow to Round Valley Indian reservation, in Mendocino county, the Government having announced its intentions of opening the reservation t

settlement. A large number of locaters have dispos-sessed the Indians and pre-empted the choice tracts. It is also stated that an or-ganized band of cowboys has determined to make a forcible effort to forestall the legal

SIDE VIEWS OF PATTL CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A tropical moth, called the "Atlas" How the Diva Came to Have an Audience moth, has a wingspread of 1 foot. It is gray in color and flies by night. in the Wings for the First Time on Rec-ord-A Colonial Reception and Other Society Happenings.

-There are tropical cockroaches 4 inches long, with antennas to correspond, which readily become domesticated in INCIDENTAL to Miss Louise Beau Professional engagement in town last week is an experience which he mays will cause recollections of Pittibury and Pasti or ming is very agreeably hereafter. There is no role in "Fanon" in which Mits Beandet can appear, and so Friday night found her with an evoning on her hand and Patti aling at the deviced to go and, as professional people think themselves not ruse to the craft if they pay an admission, the also decided to be a "deachead"-a "complimentary," to speak policity. Probably people know by this time that it is the tas of the craft in the craft is presented to be a "deachead"-a "complimentary," to speak policity. Probably people know by this time that it is the tast of the craft is a number of the memory to hear Pasti aling without the necessary here tast is greatest, the souherette of the comin operating the speak of the analytic tast is a souherette of the comin operating the speak of the comin and a may be do on the start of the memory to here the door, and though it didn't open to him, Miss Beandet, by some majo, go no here the start of the sealer the sealer the speak of the sealer the sealer the speak of the sealer the -In South America there are giant grass

-in South America there are giant grass-hoppers with bodies 5 inches long and a wing-spread of 10 inches. Owing to the fact that they are not very numerous, these formidable insects do not do much damage. -There are many cases in which an ex-traordinary intellect has accompanied havy brain weight, but the records show that men whose mental abilities have never been questioned have had brains under the aver-age in both size and weight.

-By some statistics recently published it appears that, in the five years of life be-tween the ages of 20 and 25, the mortality of unmarried men is 1,174 in 100,000, and of mar-ried men only 597. From 25 to 30 the num-bers respectively are 1,296 and 865.

-Professor Masso, the Italian scientist, in experimenting with the blood of cells has discovered by injecting it under the skin of rabbits, frogs, mice, guines pigs, etc., that it is a rank poison, being similar in action to venom of anakes of the viper kind.

-Thomas Parr, who was born in Shropshire, England, in 1483, lived until he killed himself from overesting in the year 1835, when he had attained the great age of 155 years. He lived in three centuries and tilled the soil until after the end of his 130th year.

-If an elephant was as altisonant or farsounding as a nightingale in proportion to his bulk his trumpeting could be easily heard around the world. On like conditions an ox bellowing in Australia could be heard in New York about 15 hours after making the

-The invention now known as "bleezing," the mode of varnishing pottery with a thin film of glass, is believed to date back to the first Egyptian dynasty. Proof of this is found in the pottery beads, glassglazed, found in the tombs of the age above re-ferred to.

-On metal rails a horse can draw one and two-third times as much as on asphalt pavement; three and one-third times as much as on good Belgian blocks; five times as much as on good cobble stone; 20 times as much as on an earth road; 40 times as much as on sand.

-Divers who helped to lay the four "bion of the great Eads bridge found that while they were under a pressure of four "atmospheres," or 60 pounds to the square inch, the ticking of a watch was absolutely painful to the ear. They also found it im-possible to whistle.

-It is popularly supposed that aluminum is the lightest of metals, but this is not the case. Magnesium is one-third lighter and is harder, tougher and denser. Until recently it was cheaper than aluminum. It is less affected by alkalies than the latter metal and takes a high polish.

-There are most beautiful butterflies in the Malay Archipelago, of an exquisite blue and other iridescent hues, which measure 8 inches from wing-tip to wing-tip. In South America there is a beetle oven bigger than the Hercules beetle. It is over a foot long, legs and all, though its body is not so heavy.

-There were no less than 953 suicides in Paris during the year 1891-231 sought watery rarses, lis blew out their brains, 29 hanged, 71 stabbed themselves, 62 used poison, 84 an-joyed asphyxiation, 75 threw themselves from high elevations, 154 deaths were from unknown causes, and 74 were crushed under trains or machinery.

-Yama, the Greek Pluto, the Christian Satan, is 240 miles high. The hairs of his body are like palm trees. He punishes the damned by putting them in beds of boiling oil, sawing their bodies in two, pouring molten lead into their ears, pulling out their toe-nails and tongues, and a was num ber of other varieties of torture.

-Taking the whole of the married men -Inking the whole of the married men and the whole of the unmarried men from the age of 30 to the close of life, it is computed that the lives of the former average 55% years, while those of the latter average only do years - a difference of 13% years in favor of married men; that is, marriage increases the average duration of man's life by one-half lacking six months.

A COLONIAL reception is certainly -So stupendous is the scale on which the ovelty, a thing much to be desired in these visible universe is framed that a ray of light days, when the ordinary reception has be-come a thorn in the flesh. When tableanx, visible universe is framed that a ray of light which would travel round the earth in 0.1336 of a second of time, does not reach us from Neptune under a period of more than four hours; while from the nearest fixed star (alpha Contauri) it occupies five and one-half years, and from a little star called ma in Cassiopeia its journey occupies 30 years. in which the ladies are young, beautiful and charming, are added to the feature first mentioned, the affair positively becomes -The color of the shark's egg is black, of leathery texture, thin, tough and in form similar to a hand barrow, the body of the barrow being represented by the middle of the egg and the handles by the four projecthe egg at the angles. These projections, which are called tendrils, are of use to enable the egg to cling to the growing seaweed at the bottom of the ocean, thus preventing is from being washed away by the currents. -There is a good deal that is weird about the Galapagos islands, which it has been proposed that Uncle Sam shall buy for a coaling station in the South seas. They are 16 in number-five big and 11 small ones, and the line of the equator runs directly and the line of the equator runs directly through the group. Nevertheless the cli-mate is not very hot, owing to the remarka-bly low temperature of the surrounding waters. -Most of the big spiders of the New World are of the sort which build nests with trap-doors lining a hole dug in the ground, with silk, fitting it with a door so artfully made as to hinge, beveled edge and spring that it is almost impossible to detect the fact that there is an opening, and, in some cases, actually planting seeds on this dainty portal for the purpose of concealing it with grow-ing plants. Some of the largest spiders catch birds, and individuals have been known to capture good-sized fishes, lying in wait for them at the border of a stream. -Following are some interesting statistics of the rapidly developing sugar in-dustry of Argentini: The area of the cane plantations this year is 42:500 acres, which, at the usual rate of production, will yield 1,879,600,000 pounds of cane. The area of cul-Long to the second seco value of about \$20,000,000 in gold. The sctual production in 1889 was 77,000,000 pounde, and this year's yield is estimated at 99,000,000 pounds or 83,500 hogsheads.

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CONGRESSIONAL IDIOSYNCRASIES.

The fight in the House yesterday over the consideration of the Bland free coin-age bill illustrates the inveterate tendency of that body to waste time in unimportant disputes and to decide questions of public importance not on their merits, but as they affect the issue advocated by one side or the other.

It really made very little difference as to the decision of the issue whether the order fixing the consideration of the silver bill was taken up before or after the reading of the journal. If the free silver men were strong enough to take it up first they could have done the same thing after the reading. On the other hand, the opponents of the movement might have seen that their fight was useless, as the vote showed, and that it could have been made just as effective before the public if it had been reserved for the discussion of the colnage issue on its merits. But the incurable tendency of the House to purposeless squabbling overruled these considerations and the melee went on.

It is also noticeable that the stated issue was not voted for on its merits. The issue on its face was whether a report from the Committee on Rules is in order before the reading of the journal. It might be supposed that a vote could be taken strictly on that parliamentary point; but it was not. All the free coinage men revised their parliamentary principles to serve the imagined exigency of free silver as promptly as the Republicans in the last Congress shifted their views of parliamentary law to suit the needs of their pet measures. The anti-free coinage men did the same thing on the other side, and therefore added to the demonstration that the Congressional mind is unable to decide an abstract question on its merits where partisan issues are supposed to be involved.

If the mathematical law that twice two are four should be found to affect the silver question-and some people may claim that it does-a very respectable contingent of Congressmen would be ready to vote for a formal declaration that twice two are either three or five.

tion purposes would be overwhelmed with GRANTS OF MONOPOLISS. The resolution introduced in the House

The resolution introduced in the house for investigation into the management of Yellowstone Park is one that may open an interesting inquiry into the idea that it is proper for an Executive department to grant monopolies. This idea, if not corrupt, is essentially stupid; and yet it is one of the most persistent notions of lost loot

Ministry which would talk of war for elec

The investigation is inspired by favorite of this policy in revenge for an act which intrenches on its monopoly. The inspiration is worthy of little re spect; but the results of an inquiry may be none the less instructive. Some years ago the Interior Department granted to the Yellowstone Park Association the exclusive privilege of building and operating hotels and transporting passengers throughout the park. The result-very

mean and insufficient accommodation has been reported from time to time by correspondents and travelers; but that did not seem to be of any importance either to the Interior Department or to the hotel monopoly. Last week, however, the Secretary de-

clared the transportation privilege for-feited, and transferred it to a Montana Republican alleged to have been named by the Hon. Russell B. Harrison. It was simply the taking away of a monopoly from an old beneficiary of official power and giving it to a new one. But the Yellowstone Park Association, like all other monopolies that meet with restrictions, takes this as an invasion of its vested rights and goes to Congress for the

investigation. If the granting of monopolies on the public domain can be made a matter of Executive favor there is no reason why Mr. Russell Harrison's friend should not have some of the park as well as the earlier recipients of the same remarkable grant. But it will be quite salutary to give the Interior Department a chance to explain on what principle of Republican government it undertakes to set up monopolies in hotel management and stage transportation at its pleasure.

GRANGERISM IN A NEW PLACE. The war started in New York against

excessive telephone charges has spread to Philadelphia. In the latter city a request by the Bell company for authority to lay conduits has evoked from the Trades League, Builders' Exchange and several kindred bodies a demand that, as a condition of these privileges as well as those already enjoyed by the company, Councils should enforce a reduction of the present exorbitant telephone rates.

Now, this is rank Grangerism. It is exactly the theory of the Grangers that, because the State has granted valuable franchises, it is its duty to regulate the use of those franchises so that the people shall not be burdened by unreasonable or dis-criminating charges. It is one of the in-dications of the vast difference it makes whose ox is gored that the Eastern cities, which have for a long time charged all the business woes of the nation to the destructive Grangers, should take kindly to the application of exactly the same prin-

ciple to a monopoly which pinches them. The theory of rates fixed by legislatures, councils, boards or officials of any port is essentially an unsatisfactory one. But

where public franchises have been granted of a nature which creates a practical monopoly, it is the duty of the governmonopoly, it is the duty of the govern-ment granting them to regulate the charges of the monopoly. While the tele-phone company occupies the streets with its wires, Councils of every city should consider themselves charged with the duty of seeing that its charges are not excessive.

IF there be many cases such as that found

gress in swelling expenditures to an unput eccented total just before election.

by enumerators near Warrensburg. T. T., the wonder is that the State population does not increase more rapidly. There were found living a grantgrandmother aged 54, her daughter a grandmother at 33, and her granddaughter a mother less than fifteen years old with her ohild living.

CRANKS notwithstanding, it is mater to be a millionaire in New York just now than to live in proximity to any of the Spanish embassies in Europa.

A NEW weather prophet has arisen in the West to predict a great storm which is to cross this country about the middle of March. As he had previously predicted a similar storm from February 28 to March 4, farmers may prepare for spring plowing about the date of his second convulsion.

The new Republican movement has abready made such headway that the inte political methods will soon be quite anti-quated.

JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG thinks that the next United States Senator from Penasyl-vania ought to be a Philadelphian, The difficulty of finding an available Philadel-phian is recognized, but it is intimated quite strongly that Mr. John Bussell Young might

MAYBE Mr. Cassatt is sorry he spoke now, but the law-abiding public is not, for the wheels have been started and will THE HON. JOHN L. SULLIVAN'S discrim

ination against color may be construed as an involuntary testimonial to the prowess of Prof. Peter Jackson, who has copied the Prof. Peter Jackson, who has copi vices of the white race to the degree of be ning a very efficient prize fighter.

JAPAN will do well to exhibit her progress toward Western civilization by other evidence than that of political street fights.

Now that the Government has begun operations against the Whisky Trust some people are accusing it of making an insid-ious distinction. Patience, gentlemen, they shall all have their turn. Everything must have a beginning-even justice.

DURING the retirement of Lent many are preparing to appear in new plumes, paid for or borrowed, on Easter Sunday.

Now that special trains are run for the

benefit of people wishing to attend Western divorce cases, an institution of gate money might be a lucrative source of income to l divided among the court officials and the parties to the case. Nor the least serious aspect of the Bering

Sea trouble is the curtailment of the Presi-dent's duck shooting expedition.

sent to England should be taught that an ultimatum is a last recourse, and that even an ante-penultimatum would be out of place at this stage of the proceedings.

in the Electoral College, but the odds are all against their dividing equally.

the wishes of his constituents, in an attempt to secure his own political being, is as bad as the man who parts with his franchise for

JOHN L. SULLIVAN would de well to trust more to his big right arm and less to the jawbone of an ass.

PERTINENT PERSONALITIES.

THE howlers for an ultimatissimum to be

THERE may be an even number of voters

THE Representative who votes against

hard cash.

IT strikes an impartial observer that the ex-Speaker and Speaker are doing altogether too much speaking, and occupying public time by useless and unseemly wrangling.

THIS is the season of license, and the poets are expected to make the most of it.

MRS. COCERELL, the Senator's wife, has

with Gatherine-Peter the Great is food for worms. The company which Rhes has at hand for the performance of this play is hardly equal to the task. Mile, Rhes horself is an actress of considerable charm. Her smile is the most engaging thing about her, as her eyes are the most moving. If only our language had the gallantry to accommo-date itself to Mademoiselle's tongue, we should have a better chance to examine her art. She invested the Carrino with much dignity, and the straggle of her emotions when her husband strives to drag her secret from her by threatening her lover's life was admirably pictured in her face. But the play is not a one-part affair. It needs good actors in at least four parts. Mr. William Harris gave an exceedingly clever picture of the traditional bruitsh despot-whether he was the real Peter the Great who founded modern Russia is not worth inquiring now. Mr. Harris was especially powerful in the last act. Miss Une Abell as Olga was thor-oughly girffsh and engaging, and in the dis-posal of the lighter touches, the only ap-proach to comedy in the piece was especially successful. Mr. Amory's portrayal of a dissi-pated Admiral was a good piece of character work. The rest of the cast was not strong. In the matter of scenery, costumes, etc., the production was artistic and rich. The Beturn of Willard. One scarcely knows what to say about such acting as E. S. Willard's in "The Mid dleman. His Cyrus Blenkarn, the potter, is a living, breathing piece of humanity in

living, breathing piece of humanity in whom the sudience centers its affection on immediate acquaintance. It is not often that a Pittsburg audience calls a performer before the curtain after a piay. Mr. Willard experienced, that honor at the Duquesne Theater last night and that wus the enthus-iastic climax of a series of recalls that began with the ending of the first act. The com-pany is the same able one that appeared here earlier in the senson. Marie Burroughs is the same sweet Mary Blenkarn, Boyce Carleton the same purse-proud, ambitious Jos Chandler, and Harry Cane the scheming manager Bathy Yodd, all of whom we have known before. All are clever and fit their several parts ad-mirably. "The Middleman" will be the bill all week, excepting Thursday night, when "Judah," another famous character-ization of Mr. Willard's, will be offered.

Natural Gas Burning Brightly,

vation to Be Open for Settlers. There was literally not a vacant seat at the Bijou Thestor last night, when "Natural Gas," the popular farce comedy was revived. Messirs, Donnelly and Girard remain the bright stars, and immensely funny both are. Their new songs and business won favor at once. May Howard, the well-known vaudeville artist, also jumped in great favor at once. The company as a whole is a very good one for the purpose. Peter Mack's gags in a negro part orate great laughter and George Murphy's powers as a comedian of the German variety were, as usual, really artistic in his york, and simply captured the audience. Thus, with new choruses, new music, and some pretty grins, it is no There was literally not a vacant seat at the

WHO EMPLOY THE ARCHITECTS? The statement that the Builders' Ex-

change intends to "discipline" two architects of this city, and the course of action assigned in connection with that discipline, contains remarkably instructive reasons for that portion of the public which may have money to invest in brick, mortar and lumber.

The assertion is that these architects have not conformed to the rules laid down by the Exchange, and it is proposed to "notify all architects who do not conform to the uniform system that they must do so to secure the patronage of members of the Exchange." The general supposition has been that architects were employed by the people who paid for the building, and one of the chief reasons assigned why people should employ architects has been that they represent the interests of the owner and prevent the contractor from doing what he ought not to do. If the Builders' Exchange makes it a public issue that architects are subject to the discipline of the contractors, must obey their rules, and be governed by the threat of losing their patronage, it presents the question of building contracts and architects' supervision in an entirely new light.

If this reported policy of asserting the supremacy of building contractors over architects really prevails, it will be most effective in designating the boycotted architects as persons whom the owners can rely upon to represent their real interests instead of being dominated by the contractors.

THE JINGO CULT IN ENGLAND.

Alleged expressions of flamboyant Americans in the London Times to the effect, that the United States will take the earliest opportunity of expunging Great Britain from the map of the world, furnish a striking illustration of the fondness of that journal for bogus documents. The first deliverance of that sort, being the signature of "Brigadier General Winter. U. S. A.," was promptly exposed by pointing out the fact that there is no such name among the brigadier generals of the United States army. Undeterred by this the Times produces another communication which, with a notable paucity of invention, repeats the Winter tale with a few added details, and is signed "Captain Thirty-eighth Pennsylvania Scotte. Rifles."

We might possibly credit the Times with being taken in by some of the fire-eaters of the navy whose appetite has been sharpened by their failure to make a mouthful of Chile, if one deception of this character had not previously been exposed. But it cannot plead being taken in after that, as it did in the Pigott case, when it repeats the idiocy of crediting a communication to a captain of a military organization which has no existence and who commits the offense of which we do not believe any Pennsylvanian was ever guilty, namely, spelling Scott with a final "e."

The case indicates that the Thunderer is engaged in the work of firing the heart of John Bull by publishing bogus communications of alleged Americans of a character to make John get red4n the face. Is it a part of the Tory policy to get up a war spirit for the sake of carrying the general election this year? If that is the game of Salisbury it will prove most dangerous at the breach. The English people know that a war with this country would be an unqualified disaster to both nations. Any INSTRUCTION AT PRINCETON.

The grocers and boarding-house keepers of Princeton are making an exhibition of their devotion to the principle that any attempt to lower the cost of life to the consumer is flat burglary. The University Club having been organized for the purpose of establishing co-operative board-ing at a price suited to slender purses, the boarding-house keepers and grocers have combined against this horrid encroachment upon their vested rights of big profits to be squeezed out of the students' board bills.

As the boarding-house keepers are to be left out in the cold by the University Club anyway, their threat that the treasonable clubbers shall go unsupplied is not very terrible. But it has rung the gro-cers in; and the grocers issue the edict that the club shall not get from them either a grain of sugar, a bean of coffee or any other atom in the grocery line so long as it pursues its unhallowed object of living at reasonable prices. And if any New York grocery house dares furnish the rebels against the regular hash foundries. Princeton grocers will boycott all New York and devote the metropolis to commercial ruin by the withdrawal of their patronage.

This is the regular spirit of the trusts and combinations. The consumer who does not yield up fat profits without a murmur shall be put under the ban. One can hardly help suspecting that the fervor of the Princeton grocers in this matter i due to the knowledge that the University Club would buy its supplies at wholesale rather than pay their big rates. It is much easier to renounce a trade that cannot be got, and to try to shut it off by alleged boycott, than to refuse patronage which might be secured by reasonabl prices. Of course, the University Club will get

its supplies. There is not yet any such nonopoly in wholesale groceries that an outside buyer cannot buy groceries for his money. Meantime the spite of the Princeton grocers may afford the Princeton students a practical lesson in the use of combination for attempted oppression to the consumer and the value of free competition as the protector of the people,

THERE is a good deal of hopeful optimism in Secretary Tracy's opinion that cause we are worse off now than ever be on that be for men to man our navy therefore we shall be better off in the future.

DURING the discussion on the defen of Vancouver Island in the House of Com mons yesterday, the old question arose as to what share of fortification expenses the Colonies should bear. The Canadian Government appears to have made promises which it is in no hurry to fulfill. As bearing on the scare which war whoopers are endeavoring to raise, it is worthy of note that a motion for urgency in completing the de-fenses of Esquimalt was defeated without a

THE recent shooting at Yokohama will be a striking proof to the Japs of the super-iority in culture and civilization claimed by America and England.

MR. DINGLEY continues to amort that MR DINGLEY continues to amore sine the Democrats in Congress are guilty of exi-ting down expenses until after the Presi-dental election. If so, Mr. Dingley might use discretion by refraining from calling attention to the contrast between that course and the one pursued by the last Con-

been chosen Regent, for Missouri, of the Daughters of the Bevolution. ever. SECRETARY BLAINE continues to im-The Harris Theater.

only by Thursday be given.

prove. He expects to resume his duties at the Department of State in a day or two. SECRETARY NOBLE, accompanied by Mrs. Noble, has gone to St. Augustine, Fis.

The Secretary expects to return next Monday. SIG. FARINI, who sang with Parepa, Nilsson and Lucca, is training a troupe o singers of African descent for the grand opera stage.

BISHOP WHIPPLE, of Minnesota, has Owine to the absence of the principal comedian, "Satan" was not given last night at the Grand Opera House. It will be given to-night. just caught his first tarpon in Florida waters and the local papers contain jocular references to his previous success as a fisher f men.

THE Leonine woman at Harry Davis' Museum attracted crowds yesterday. She KATE FIELD is authority for the statement that George Washington used to give his gardener, Philip Bater, \$2 at Easter, has really a lioness' appearance. Cool Burwith which to get drunk four days and four THE Night Owis had a great audience a nights." THE late Admiral Jurien was noted at

the court of Napoleon III. as one of the fin-est conversers in France, and he was always a central figure in the late-surviving salons of those days. THE Grand Duke of Hesse, the Queen's

son-in-law, who is reported to be dying, made a sensation in 1884 by marrying Mma. Kalomine, the beautiful divorced wife of a Russian Secretary of Legation stationed at the Hessian capital.

WILLIAM WIRT HENRY, of Richmond, s said to be a grandson, though it would seem as if he must be a great-grandson, of Patrick Henry. He is a lawyer and an authority on all matters pertaining to the history of Virginia.

A FREE FIGHT.

isfied Democrats in Blair Use Their Fists, but Support Grover.

ALTOONA, PA., March 7.-Dissatisfied with the action of the County Committee in electing delegates to the State Convention, W. Fisk Conrad, the Democratic District Chairman, some time ago called the convention which was held in Hollidaysburg to-day. Both the upholders of their County Com-mittee and the dissatisfied faction held primaries Saturday night and to-day ap-proached in full force. ' County Chairman Burke and District

n Conrad each tried to call the con vention to order, and in an instant fol vention to order, and in an instant fol-lowers of both were on the stage of the Opera House, where the convention was held, and harsh words led to blows, and for over an hour there was a free fight. Men were knocked off the stage bodily, while many were thrown down the steps leading

many were thrown down the steps leading to the dressing rooms. Charles B. Adams, who had been nominated by the committee adherents for Chairman, was thrown from a table he had mounted as was also one of the secretaries. Harmony was secured for a few moments, but once more the fight started and raged until the deputy sheriff and constables jumped on the stage and declared the meet-ing adjourned. The upholders of the committee then filed out, headed by Thomas H. Greevy and A. Y. Devley, and met in the court house, where they passed resolutions endorsing Cleveland and denounding the district chairman. The other fraction also endorsed Cleveland but denounced, the committee, electing the following delegates to the State Convention: E. H. Flick, H. P. Piper; Lloyd Lowther; James Conditin and Alexander McKnight.

The Temperance Fight at Loretto.

The Temperator Fight at Lorston, JOHNSTOWE, March 7.--[Special.]-The peo-ple of Loretto, under the guidance of Father Kittell, are getting up strong remonstrances against all applicants for liquor licenses at that place and are having them numerously signed. A hotal run on the temperance plan will be opened there very soon.

Still a Ray of Hope for Gray.

asbington Post.) There is still one ray of hope for Isane usey Gray. Let him demand that the Chi-ico committee put a kite-shapet arnok in

new music, and some pretty girls, it is no wonder "Natural Gas" burns as brightly as

Stage Notes.

A ST. PAUL, MINN., dispatch says: O'Dell

THE SHADE OF A TELEGRAPHER

Sweetheart Promptly Faints.

THE FIELD PUZZLE. Justice Van Brunt May Do One of Four

Things in E. M.'s Case. Minnie Oscar Gray and her really wonderful trained dogs appeared at this house again yesterday, and once more in their NEW YORK, March 7.-[Special.]-Justice Van Brunt made a decision in the case of E. again yesteriary, and once more in their their popular play, "The Old Oaken Bucket." The sensational climaxes of the play were as heartily applauded as usual, and the crowds that did the applauding were limited in size only by the walls of the building. From Thursday to Saturday "Vesper Bells" will be given. M. Field to-day. He may do one of four things-declare Field same or insane, submit

the question to another jury, commit Field for examination as to his sanity or appoint a for examination as to his santy or appoint a commission in lunacy. In case Justice Van Brunt decides that Field is insane and commits him, it is a question what will become of the orders of arrest in the civil suits.

Was a Very Foolish Mayor. Philadelphia Times.]

The leaden heel of justice has caught up with Mayor Wyman, of Allegheny City, but the iron hand smote gently, the deposed Mayor being sentenced to pay the costs and meditate in the county jail for the period of three months. Short as the sentence is it Harry Williams' Academy last hight and gave a good performance. The new specta-cie, "The Blue and the Gray," is really beautiful and entertaining. The old favor-ites in the company are as clever as ever. That most successfully managed World's will be quite long enough to convince Mayor Wyman that he should never have offered himself as a candidate for Mayor without knowing enough about the charter and ordinances of the city to avoid breaking the Museum-Theater gave its patrons a more than usually fine treat last night. Its splen-did attractions cannot be enumerated here, but "Krao" deserves a special line to her-self. She is a perfect marvel, and must be besieged by crowds all week. law and landing himself in jail. There will be grave doubts in the minds of many people whether Mayor Wyman was more knave than fool. There should be none in his own mind that he was a very foolish Mayor.

First Foreign Goods for the Fair

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 .- The first entry of good tined for the World's Fair exhibition was made to-day at the Custom House. These were ten cases of antiques, which arrived on the steamship Claribel from Port Limon.

They Are Thoroughly Red.

Chicago Herald.

Congressman Reed thinks that the Indians should be educated, yet they are more thor-oughly red than the rest of us now.

SUNDAY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The effort which is being made in the Legislature to secure the closing Sunday of the New York exhibit at the World's Fair is ent example of fool legislation. New York Advertiser

Upon moral as well as physical considera tions the Exposition should be open from first to last to all who may choose to enter Tattoos on a Table at a Scance and His Its gates Sunday, and especially to the multi-tudes of working people who cannot well afford to visit it on week days.-Worcester MILLERSBURG, O., March 7.-[Special.]-Re-Fimes. .

HASN'T it been settled yet that the World's Fair is to be open Sundays? The National Sabbath Union is sending a protest against such opening. Is the union aware that it is only playing into the hands of the saloon-ists and sharks who will start in business in Chicago to prey on the World's Fair visitors. -Kanaa City Journal.

We fully believe that the World's Fair will be kept open Sundays, for we thank that the great mass of intelligent, progres-sive people, while less vociferous than the mamerically fewer sabbatarians, will not permit the greatest international Exposi-tion ever seen to be controlled by narrow sectarian prejudices.-Boston Herald.

Turns is evidently a wholesome reaction against the fanatical attempt to close the Chicago Fair Sundays. Some powerful religious denominations have contributed to this reaction; and there is little doubt that the directors of the Exposition will have the courage to respond to liberal and enlight-ened public sentiment on this subject.— *Philadelphia Record*.

TREAR is no reason to doubt that Su Tranz is no reason to doubt that Sunday will be duly respected in the course of the Chicago Fair. The day will be regarded ac-cording to the doctrine that Sablash was made for man. It should be a day of rest for the machinery, and for exhibitors whose attention is given special matters. It does not follow, however, that the grounds should be closed and the galleries of the fine arts should be machinery.

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with the entertainment given last evening by the Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Emory M. E. Church at New Orphens Hall. It was crowded-packed to the doors and every corner of the city con-tributed its quota to the throng, whose in-dividual members were made heartily welcome by lovely ladies in cos-tumes of a contury ago. In this part of the entertainment Miss Emma M. Squires presided, assisted by two score and more confreres, each of whom outvied the other in making their guests feel that they would be welcome a second time if they "came again this evening." The tableaux commenced shortly after 8 o'clock, and it is not stretching the truth to say that none have ever surpassed them either in artistic merit or conception. They were actual living pictures of subjects which have won renown for the originals in the centers of the art world. They seemed to intentively grasp the idens of the young gentlemen and there was much to admire in the posing of the young ladies. They seemed to intentively grasp the idens of the masters who transferred their thouchts to canvaa. Miss Ida Hughes, Miss Pearl Abel, Miss Emma Squires, Miss Ada Flerce, Miss Cara Squires, Miss Margaret Holland, Miss Fannie Carson, Miss Margaret Holland, Miss Gora Wallace, Miss Margaret Holland, Miss Fannie Carson, Miss Margaret Holland, Miss Gora Wallace, Miss Margaret Holland, Miss Fannie Carson, Miss Margaret Holland, Miss Fande Carson, Mi or Gold," and Miss Clarabel Abel tried to decide whether to accept the pell of one she did not love or the handsome youth to whom she had given her heart. It was a charming scene, well portrayed. There will be a repetition of the whole programme this evening when many of those who were pre-sent last night will return with their friends and contribute their mite for the good of the missionery cause.

THE force of instructors in the city public schools is being interested in a method of life insurance called "The Teachers' In-ter-State Mutual Belief Association." It of life insurance called "The Tenchers' In-ter-State Mutual Relief Association." It was introduced to them last week by Prof. L. H. Darling, formerly of the Pittsburg High School, and also at one time principal of the Indiana State Normal School. The plan is somewhat similar to that known as the Tontine policy, being accumulation and maturing at the end of 20 years. The fees required are very small. For initiation feest 10 is charged. A doctor's examination costs \$1. Two dollars is paid yearly and \$1 at the death of any member. At the end of 20 years the insured person can claim \$250 per year until death. If a teacher dies within \$0 days from the time she is insured she is benefited in no way; but after that time it goes to a beneficiary appointed by herself. As the name indicates, it is a national cor-poration and has its headquarters in Balti-more. For this State it is chartered under the laws of Fenusylvania. About 500 teach-ers have aiready been insured and the inter-est feit is so general that the plan will likely be taken up universally by the profession.

INSTRUCTION has been received from INSTRUCTION has been received from Miss Mary Elizabeth Dawson, Secretary of the Pittsburg branch of the Needle Work Guild, that there will be a meeting of the organization on next Saturday at Mrs. Will-iam A. Herron's house, 487 Fifth avenue, Shadyside. It will take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

New York's Two Millions.

New York, March 7.-The population of the city, exclusive of the inmates of institu-tions, who are to be looked after by the Sinte Secretary, is according to the census just completed, 1,500,591.

Not Hard to Make an Estim

ago Tribune.]

From the data on hand it is not hard to estimate the probable amount of work that will be done by the present Congress. Four, six or ten times nothing is nothing. Figures six or tan tin don't lie.

IDYLS OF THE HOUR.

"Has that lady who called on your mother

one yet?" "No, and she won't go for another hour." "Mow do you know

cause she just got up from her chair 'Well, I must go-goodby.'"-New said: Press.

Happiness is but a cake Which the Wise and Merry take: Sorrow is a lump of dough-Fools and cynics seek it, though. -Puck

Mother-What makes you so nervous,

Charley, dear?" Charley-I've had two proposals of marriage, and I really don't know whether to accept Clari with her brains or Ethel with her money.-Judge

"I ask for no retention fee," Quoth Counselor O'Quirk, "No money, sir, unless it be Reward for honest work."

He tried the case and won the same, And when it did befail A thousand for his client came He just retained is all.

--- Roston Courier

"I verwy much enjoy calves bwains, you

"Ah?" replied the young woman. "Do you "Ah?" replied the young woman. "Do you mean to cat or to think with?"- Washington Stor. Larkin-I have a great deal of corrence to do, and it tires my hands grea Bunting-Why don't you use a typewrite Lavkin-If I did, people would find adly I spell.-Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monikip id find out he

The woman who would like to win Ine woman who would like so Unbounded admiration, Who wants the world to put her in A most exalted station, Whose wish it is to have folks call Her lovable and gracious, Will always have a smile for all, And never wax loguacious.

Mrs. Smythe-I never could unde thy is takes ten tailors to ma Smythe (nawarily)-Why? Mrs. Smythe-Bocause I st

MILERSBURG, O., March 7.-[Special.]-Re-ported manifestations were made at a spiritual scance in a residence in the north-ern part of the city last night. Shortly after the circle was formed under the glars of the gaslight peculiar rappings were heard on the table, as if some telegraph operator were sending a message. The telegraph operator at the raliroad office was sent for, and, listening to the raps, declared they were made by an expert operator who seemed to know several persons present. Beveral messages were sent and received, the telegraphic shade declaring be was not happy because he had not lived right on earth. The spirit then said he wanted to talk to Miss A.-, whereupon that young lady in the ciccle promptly fainted and broks the combination, as nothing else was heard from the distatisfied spirit. It is said the young lady in question had a dear friend, who was an expert operator, who died some years ago.

CENTRAL AMERICAN NEWS.

Barillas, the Beaten President, Will Prob ably Leave Guatemaia.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.-The Pacific Mail teamer San Bigs arrived from Panama, he was the first mall steamer to dock at

She was the first mail steamer to dock at fan Diego under the new mail contract. The steamer brought no information regard-ing the Guatemalian elections. When she was at Guatemalian elections. When she was at Guatemalian elections. When she was at Guatemalian elections. When she barrillan, it was thought, would leave the country as ston at possible. News was received at Fanama shortly be-fore the San Bias left there of the suicide of Senor Fedro Montalso, a young Italian sculp-tor of Carthagens, who jumped from the magning below. He was very highly thought at and had done work in the Central and South American Republics.

Williams, of A. M. Palmer's Alabama com-pany, at the Metropolitan Opera House, St. Paul, and Zenaide Vislaire, the *Atlanta* Paul, and Zenaide Vislaire, the Atlanta Moberley of the same company, were married to-day at 10 o'clock by Dr. G. D. Andrews, of Christ Episcopal Church, at his residence in that city. The witnesses were Herbert Williard, manager of the company, and Walter Hudson, the vanguard for Maggie Mitchell. Mr. Williams was The Old Compaigner in Bartley Campbell's "Cilo" and also the original Judge in "Kit, the Arkansas Traveler," a good many years ago. Miss Vislaire, who was formerly a member of Augustin Daly's stock company, is a native of Mississippi, a descendant of a well-known Southern family. Her grandmother, for whom she was named, was the celebrated Princess de Beanharnais, of the house of Josephine, wife of Napoleon.