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PITTSBURG, SUNDAY, MARCH 12.

OFFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IMPROVED. The most notable feature of the proceedings before the New York Senatorial inquiry into the Reading deal yesterday was the superior knowledge exhibited by the interested officials, as compared with the imporance professed on similar occasions. But the knowledge was admitted for purposes of argument, and argument of such a specious and self-contradictory nature as is seldom met with. No one demiss that a successful combination has the power to reduce prices, but few sane persons will believe that there is any inclination to make use of the monopolistic power in that way. Were the question a ess serious one for the public, Mr. Mc-Leod's claims that the purchasing public will be a beneficiary from the deal would be merely ludicrous.

No one of sound sense can be gulled by a special pleader who in one breath speaks of lowering prices by combination, and in the next says that the remaining competition will prevent an increase Competition is here admitted to be public benefit in one case, and everyone knows that it is so all the time But without going further President McLeod's practical admission that the object of the combination is to lessen competition is enough to show that the deal is contrary to the Constitution.

proposition, that is not its most glaring makes it important to note that the British investors are already beginning to find out the old lesson that the promise of big weakness. The idea that the workingman is not to be trusted with his own savings, dividends and the payment of them are and that the Government must appropritwo widely distinct performances. The Investor's Beview, of London, points this out in detail. Two Chicago brewery ate a portion of his earnings and lay it up for his old age, is the most paternal and least progressive theory of society. If the

companies have so far come up to expec-tations by paying 10 per cent dividends, but they have made nothing for reserves, Government will protect the earnings of the people against the manipulations of great operators and inculcate intelligence and independence among the masses, and written off nothing for depreciation of plant. The San Francisco breweries have not yielded their ordinary sharethere will be few workingmen who cannot make a better investment of that \$225-if they are able to save it up-than in the holders any dividends for a year. The Chicago Grain Elevators, Limited, was for its first dividend period short \$90,000 of purchase of the Government annuity pro-

price.

ntroduced to British investors in the most

glowing terms in 1889, and they are now

puoted at 10 per cent discount on the issue

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forded becomes a farce.

savagery and brutality.

hension and punishment.

SUPPRESS MOB LAW.

requiring the enforcement of actual and

authorized justice do the most toward re-

ducing society to a state of anarchy. The

fact is that if the man in the present case

had been guilty of the offenses charged

against him there would have been no

difficulty in securing his conviction. The

disguised mob simply took that method of

securing free license for the instincts of

Men who attack the houses of others in

lisguise are the most cowardly and con-

temptible class of lawbreakers. The offi-

within their power to secure their appre-

A POINT AS TO TEUSTS.

posed in the bill. meeting its ordinary preference charges, and nothing has since been heard of divi-It is much better to create a state of so ciety in which workingmen can earn good dends. The Otis Steel Company, of Clevewages, and to protect their savings against and, which was to have paid 20 per cent the raids of corporate and stock-gambling dividend, paid 6 per cent in 1890, and the sharks, than to treat them like children shareholders are now inquiring whether whose money must be taken away from they will get anything for 1891. An imthem for fear they will spend it foolishly.

AN ILL-JUDGED MOVEMENT,

The English mining strike commenced yesterday under circumstances that are likely to prove an object lesson on the medieval policy of restricting production DAILY DISPATCH, including Sunday, 3m'ths. 250 in order to keep up prices. The responsibility for that policy in this case rests with the miners themselves, as they have entirely of their own motion stopped production in order to produce a scarcity of coal, maintain prices and thus prevent a threatened ten per cent reduction in wages.

Now, it is evident that for the miners to make good by this means what they lose In idleness they have got to secure after the strike ten weeks of employment at the old wages, for every week of the strike,

If they clear the market of its surplus in two weeks, they will after twenty weeks subsequent be no better off in amount wages received than if they of had worked straight along at the reduction. If the idleness lasts for ten weeks it will take them two

years to get even. The mere statement of the wages earned by one course as against the other makes it absolutely certain that even if this combination strike succeeds it will cost the miners far more than it comes to, leaving out of all consideration the loss by idleness inflicted on other

trades. Beyond that there is the preponderating chance that no such strike can succeed. The expectation that thousands of miners can resist want for themselves and their families solely for the purpose of maintaining prices of coal for the benefit mainly of their employers is a very faint one. If the strike should go to pieces the loss from it to the miners will prove to be without the slightest mitigation. If it succeeds the gain will at the most be exceedingly problematical.

UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC TRANSIT. In an article elsewhere Mr. Murat Halcers of justice should use every means stead gives the results of a personal inspection of the Greathead Underground Railway in London. The opponents of underground railways in this country have

made very unfavorable reports of the operations of this system, which Mr. Halstead's observation contradicts. The noise which is a necessary accompaniment to all underground railways is, he says an entirely imaginary cause of alarm.

The electrical power permits the transit to be kept free from smoke and cinders: and the only point which Mr. Halstead finds to criticise is one separate from the system itself, namely, the cumbrousness of the lifts.

This testimony is important, because it formed for the restraint of competition settles a point that promises to be of and was therefore against public policy growing magnitude in this country. The and null. issue between underground and elevated

The only novelty about this point is its roads in this country should not be ob- being raised in favor of a Trust which, to Prof. Totten Predicts Seven Years of Judgscape its own contracts, declares its own illegality. The defense was a perfectly valid one. The courts have declared time and again that the law will not permit itself to be used to enforce illegal contracts either for or against the parties which make them. These decisions have generally been made when some combination has sought the aid of the law to make insubordinate members live up to the agreement; but the novel spectacle of a combination repudiating its own agreement on account of its violation of public policy rests on exactly the same indisputable legal foundation. The manufacturing concern which goes into a combination cannot enforce its contract against the combination any more than the combination can enforce the contract against the individual member. This principle is well known to all who have paid any attention to the law on the subject of trusts and combinations; but to judge from the hunger of the business world for real or factitious profits to be secured from combinations it is not gen erally understood there. It may make a little difference to business men who are thinking of joining a Trust, if they know that the Trust can at any time repudiate the contract without the slightest legal obstacle. WITH regard to those Presidental bees it is worthy of note that there is a bee in very bonnet, but it is the do-nothing drones which are apt to make the loudest buzzing

andard genuinely goes into business on a o trust" basis its credit will be greatly en 'no trust

As for Laidlaw's claim that he was

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manipulated by Russell Sage to serve as a bomb-proof, the capitalist says he never touched him, but he cannot say as much for the bomb.

PENNSYLVANIA is endeavoring to exterminate its wildcate, but the Tiger con-tinues to flourish undisturbed in New York.

MAN is lord of creation and enjoys such sport as is afforded by a limit which takes twenty-five hundred of him, a couple of dogs, and a humane revolver to alaughter one wolf.

THE grip has about spent its force, but the political pull is still with us.

GREAT CESAR! This is a Republica country, and yet many people are heard to declare that the Speaker's chair was only execusted by one Czar to be occupied by an proved cattle car company's bonds were ther.

PERTINENT PERSONALITIES.

ITALY'S King and Queen will visit Hyers

These facts are calculated to make MADAME MELBA, the Australian prima Englishmen shy of American investments; donna, is the best-dressed woman on the and yet the whole business was entirely operatic stage.

an English method. The only share CONSUL GENERAL MAY will return to which the people of this country had in he United States in May in order to attend the matter was to sell their properties to the Republican convention. the English syndicates. The real lesson

PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES is fond of smoking a short briar-wood pipe, and is never seen with a cigarette in his mouth. is the very obvious one that watered stock and remote ownership of highly capitalized industrial corporations cannot suc-cessfully take the place of the personal MR. FRANCIS BAYLEY, Judge of the Westminster County Court, is the oldest county court judge in England. He is in his direction and close supervision of individoth year.

MRS. EDISON, the wife of the man who has applied the electric light to domestic purposes, prefers candles to any other form of household illumination. The statement that a band of White

Caps in this county has undertaken to ad-M. C. GALLAWAY, the "Nestor of the minister the law by beating a man who Tennessee Press," has been elected Presi-dent of the Memphis Press Club, which has just organized with about 50 members. was accused of abusing his family, calls for the energetic intervention of the officers. If masked men are permitted to

WASHINGTON P. GREGG is said to have take people out of their houses at night, never missed a meeting of the Boston Com-mon Council during the 48 years he was the protection for persons or property afclerk of that body. He is now critically

The law provides ample punishment for SENATOR HILL, of New York, will depeople who do wrong, as the victim of this liver the anniversary address at the com-memoration of the Mecklenburg Declara-tion of Independence at Charlotte, N. C., reported White Cap outrage is alleged to have done. If the law is not efficiently enforced it is the fault of the people; and May 20. they by resorting to mob law instead of

GEORGE KENNAN, the American le turer and traveler, declares that he will never cease agitating until the political prisons of Siberia are things of the past. He s a tall' powerfully built man, with a swee resonant voice and eloquent manners.

BLACK GOWN OR NO GOWN.

A Presbyterian Minister's Decision to Wes One Creates Dissension.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.-The action of Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, of the First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, in declaring is intention to wear a black gown during the opening services of the new church, has aroused warm discussions among the con-gregations of other Presbyterian churches

hroughout the city. The clergymen, as a rule, side with the reverend doctor, while many of the laymen are equally as firmly

opposed to the innovation. John A. Black, Superintendent of the The answer of the National Cordage Trust to suits begun against it by parties Presbyterian Publication Society, is a strong who had entered its combination suggests supporter of Dr. Wood. He says: "There is a point of value to people who feel inno reason why the congregation should take exception to this action of Dr. Wood's. He has the privilege of wearing a gown if he so desires, just as several other clergymen of our denomination have, who have worn the clined to enter combinations in restraint of competition. The suits as stated in a special article were to enforce the conarment in question for years, Rev. Drs. Dickey, MacIntosh and Munro are of this tracts under which the output of cordage Dickey, Macintosh and Munro are of this number. The question as to what a dergy-man shall or shall not wear should be left to the good judgment of the person most in-terested. Certainly no congregation can rightfully olaim that the Doctor's action is in any way an infringement of the ecclesi-astical laws." was to be controlled and which the trust after it had taken on the corporate form found it convenient to repudiate. The defense was that the contract was one

NEAR THE PERIOD OF GRACE.

the fleet, one report saying "the hunters are busy shooting seals." For instance, Febru-

PITTSBURG DISPATCH SUNDAY, MARCH 13.

LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS.

ages to Be Made in the Dip

Sembers of This Organization Cast More Than One-Fifth of the Total Vote,

SOCIALISM IN GREMANY.

Consular Service-Economy Practiced in This Brauch-Secretary Biaine Much rtland Oregonian.] Germany is already the most socialistic tate in the world. Out of \$4,056 miles of Improved-Sealers Not Doing So Badly railroad all but 8,438 in 1890 were owned by the Government, which, from owing 97 per cent in 1876 and 57 per cent in 1881, now owne 87 per cent. The State, partly by taxation WASHINGTON, March 12 .- The Diplomatic and Consular appropriation bill will probably be reported to the House next week. The sub-committee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs has com-pleted consideration of the bill and will reand partly by levying on employes and em-ployed, paid to laborers in 1888-9 sick insurport it to the full committee early in the week. A number of changes are proposed in the Diplomatic and Consular service, and in the former there have been a number of ance in 1,669,590 cases, with a total of 99,598,770 days of illness. Two years ago, January 1, 1890, 12,831,246 German workingmen were en-joying state insurance for accident, and the sum paid to widows and children under this law was \$3,500,000 in 1889. When the old age insurance law, which went into effect Janu-

week. A number of changes are proposed in the Diplomatic and Consular service, and in the former there have been a number of consolidations, by which savings in expend-itures were made, while in the Con-sular service retrenchment has been effected by reducing the salaries at a number of consulates where the sub-committee believes more compensation is being paid than the business im-portance of the places warrant, this being particularly true of some places where practically no business is done. The bill for the current year amounts to a little more than \$1,600,000. Members of the majority side of the sub-committee believe that the savings effected by the bill will not affect the service unfavorably. The Diplomatio and Consular bill has grown in the last half dozen years almost 20 per cent more than the prowth of the business interests of the United States abroad in that period, so that it is thought it can be safely reduced. The sub-committee's bill makes a saving of some sixty odd thousand dollars in the consult service, and \$20,000 or more in the diplomatic service, while the appropriations asked for by the Pan-American organiza-tions were not acted upon, the committee referring them to the regular Appropria-tions committee of the House. The mission to Denmark is consolidated with that to Sweden and Norway, the compensation of the Minister to bs \$7,500, which is the present grade of each mission. One Minister, it is proposed, shall represent the United States to both Bolivia and Colombia hereafter, in place of a Minister to each complexe the United States for s long time has been unrepresented by a Minister to that country, the gentleman appointed about a month ago under the terms of the diplo-matic act for the current fiscal year not hav-ing sailed yet. There has also been some re-arrangement of the Central American mission and some reclassifications made in the service. One of the interesting features of the framing of the measure was a prop-osition to reduce the grade of the Chilean mission from \$ law was \$3,000,000 in 1883. When the old age insurance law, which went into effect January 1, 1891, is in full operation the German Government expects to be paying out \$17,000,000 ayear in pensions to superanuated workmen. The State socialism of the poloty of the Government. The State socialism of the poloty of the Government. The State socialism begins with Ferdinand Lassalle, who was killed in a dual in 1863. Just before his death the Socialist cast 4,000 votes at their first appearance in an election. In 1871 they cast 184,000; in 1874, 532,500; in 1877, 493,000 in 1884, after the reaction of the nobiling attempt, their vote folloging and in 1890 the Socialist cast 4,000; in 1874, 532,500; in 1877, 493,000 in 1884; after the reaction of the nobiling attempt, their vote folloging and in 1890 the Socialist cast 1,477,823 of the socialism and heat the Socialist cast 4,000; in 1874, 532,500; in 1877, 453,000 in 1874, 572,500; in 1877, 453,000 in 1884; to 70,000, and in 1890 the Socialist cast 1,477,823 of the socialism has been under severe repeated on the socialism has been under severe repeated to the socialism has been under severe repeated and passed legislation against Socialists and socialism which remained is votice it arrents were frequent, imprison fronter it arrents were frequent, imprison fronter it arrents were frequent, imprison fronter it arrents were frequent is an intermeting. This legislation was modified to socialist speakers and the press of the party investing proceeded from any sovereign in our intended the act as a mere benvolence and proposed to rule as a mild, but absolute autoorst, the father of his proceeded from any sovereign in our intended the act as a mere benvolence and proposed to rule as a mild, but absolute autoorst, the father of his proceeded from any sovereign in our intended the act as a mere benvolence and proposed to rule as a mild, but absolute autoorst, the father of his proceeded from any sovereign in our is showed to rule as a mild, but absolute autoorst, the father of

AFRICAN BAILWAY PROJECTS.

Remarkable Illustration of the Progress of Events in the Dark Continent. New York Sun.1

he Chilean mission is just now of more than ordinary importance, not to recommend any hange in grade. Two railroad projects of great interest are now developing in East Africa. The British Government has been authorized by Pariiament to pay a large part of the expense of the preliminary survey for the milroad from Mombasa to Victoria Nyanza. This insures the completion of the survey, and ample capital to build the railroad is assured. It is admitted that this road will practically end the slave trade in the Victoria Nyanza region. Slaves are still caught there in large numbers, and are used as porters to take to the coast the ivory and other merchandise the coast the ivery and other merchandise of the coast the ivery and other merchandise of the Arab traders. The slave traffic is now carried on ohiefly to obtain porters, but when a railroad runs from the lake to the sea the Arabs will use it as a quicker, anfer cheaper means of transportation. The rail-road will have a profound infinence upon the Victoria Nyunza region, and it is certain that the resources of that part of inner Africa cannot be developed until it is built. The other project will be completed first. This is the road from Fort Beira on the in-dian Ocean, about 250 miles west to Mashon-aland. The capital for this road has been subsoribed, both the Portuguese, Mozam-bique and the British South Africa com-panics are represented in the Board of Con-trol, and the construction of the line is to begin next month. Track laying will be ex-tended far toward Mashonaland by the end of the year. It is a remarkable illustration of the rapid progress of events in Africa that projects are soon to be realized which will enable the ordinary traveler to reach with-out discomfort regions that were so long a great mystery, and the story of whose ex-pioration has been followed by the world with so much interest.

with so much interest.

Why Parson Jasper Will Wed Again, RICHMOND, VA., March 12 .- Rev. John Jasper, the most noted colored preacher in the world, and exponent of the "Sun Do Move" theory, announces that in a few days he will take his third wife. The old man has been in bad health for some time and made his will a few days ago. In the did not leave all his estate to his married daughter, who PICKINGS IN NEW YORK.

-One hundred and seventy different spe hat the Clipping Bureaus Are Catering To sies of bees are natives of Great Britain. -The Fad of Dogs and Horses-Vandals -There are 700 Illinois farmers who have With Diamond Bings - A Few Odd accumulated fortunes of from \$50,000 to

LYBOM & STATF CORRESPONDENT. -There is now a gambling nickel-in-the-slot machine. Sometimes three nickels drop out and sometimes none. -"Do you know the latest fashionable fad in New Yorkt" inquired the proprietor of a elipping bureau. "During and just before the late dog show we received more order -Of the total working expenses of the

from women than from men for all informa-tion about dogs. We had something over 100 New York women on our list for dogs and horses, and when the dog show came along the list was run up for dog lore alone over \$90. Women take a considerable interest in dogs and horses, naturally, but who can ac-count for the interest that impels a woman count for the interest that impels a woman to buy everything said about dogs in the papers? A good many women enter dogs at these exhibitions, and they think the whole world is interested in their curled darlings. We could account for is first only on that hypothesis. But this, did not explain the horse met of the second s

ubscribers.

land took place at the Old Bailey, on De-cember 31, 1829. The name of the convict was Thomas Maynard. horse part of it, Now, you know that there is more about dogs and horses in the news-papers than about all other animals com-bined-leaving out the cat-and our clipping force struck a regular bonanza. They got tons of it and mailed the slips to our fair subscribers ous collection. He has a slipper 75 yearsold, a Bible and a trunk each 100 years old, and a razor hone 300 years old.

Antics of a Broadway Dog.

atmosphere abroad and the drivers were slapping their feet in their efforts to keep

from freezing. In one such effort one such driver dropped his whip. As his assistant climbed over the wheel to get it a bow-

legged, crop-cared dog dodged from under

Working a Bluff in Europe.

-In the days when wigs and powder were fashfonable, ladies are said to have paid as much as £200 for having their hair dressed for special or state occasions. "You may think this is only a new fashion able fad, but it is not wholly so. I got curl -Several medical journals assert that the ous and made some inquiries and I ascen

arents.

young women of the present day are better developed physically, tailer, plumper, stronger and healthier than the young wom-en of 50, 100, 150 or 200 years ago. tained that in most instances young wome have male friends who are interested in horses or dogs and the dear girls take this way of keeping posted on the demands of their society. Few -Because a colored minister at Yonkers

-Decades a colored minister at longers continued to preach to his congregation after it was claimed his resignation had been accepted, he was arrested on a charge of dis-orderly conduct at the instance of some of the members. women care to study up on any particular line unless it is to shine be fore men. A bright girl has a beau, for in-stance, whose fad is horses-she wants to draw him out, to understand him, to be agreeable-and the best way to do all this is

CUBIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

rallways over 60 per cent goes in various ways to the wage carners.

-In one of the great Paris hospitals, out of 85 patients who suffered from epilepsy, 69 were found to be the children of drunken

-It is said that a certain lady of Madi-

son, Fia., ate 17 catfish recently for supper.

-The last execution for forgery in Eng-

-A citizen of Moberly, Mo., has a curi-

Her husband, not to lose his pressi-

-The natives of Vera Cruz do a large trade in fireflies, which they catch by wav-ing a blazing coal at the end of a stick. The insects fly toward the light, and are cap-tured in nets.

agreeable—and the best way to do all this is to interest herself in his fad. In a month of this clipping scheme she'll probably know more on the subject than he over knew. Seef Yes, it holds good in a more or less degree with the fair sex in other things. We have women subscribers for all current informa-tion about yuchting and rowing and base-ball, boxing and other athletic sports. We have three female subscribers for every-thing on pugilism and puglistics—think of that! Cats? Now, right here I prove my theory. Men proverbially don't like cats, or don't care for them one way or the other. Women proverbially do like cats, or don't care for the one way or the other. Women proverbially do like cats, or don't care for the one way or the other. Women proverbially do like cats, or don't care for the one way or the other. Women proverbially do like cats, or don't care for the base of these is a man. All three reside in New England. We have found cats next to horses and dogs in frequency of newspaper mention. "When Ward Modilister cut the 400 down to 150 we had gnite a number of inquiries as to why he left out Mrs. Paran Stevens and -A Massachusetts paper declares that a Natick shoemaker walked to Boston and home, pursuing his trade on the way, and brought back with him nearly \$100 in each and a wife he had wooed and won on the way.

-The American three-masted school Wyer G. Sargent, which was abandoned off Hatteras on March 31, 1991, has drifted more than 3,000 miles since that date, and has be-come famous among North Atlantic dere-licts.

-Influenza has commenced in England "w nen Ward McAllister cut the 400 down to 150 we had quite a number of inquiries as to why he left out Mrs. Paran Stevens and many clippings on that point went to fash-ionable Fifth avenue. If this new fad con-tinues we shall really be quite in the swim' pretty soon." some eight times in the autumn, six times in the spring, twice in the early summer and twice in winter. It certainly does no appear malarial or particularly prevalent in marshy districts.

-Belfast clams are proverbially good, says the Belfast Journal, and their reputa-tion extends far beyond the State. One of the derivations of the Indian name of our river, Passagassawakeag is "the great clam clear, or shallow water place." -The other day a novel scene was wit-nessed on Upper Broadway where the theaters are thickest. There was a sharp

-According to a recent reckoning, a human being, of either sex, who is a moderate eater, and who lives to be 70 years old, consumes during "the days of the years of his life" a quantity of food which would fill 20 ordinary railway lnggage vans.

a carriage and sleging the whip in his mouth frisked lightly away with it. The drivers laughed and shouted and the young man ran after the dog and yelled and whistled. -There is no literary institution to compare with that of the French Society of Men of Letters. Its property is worth from 2,000,000 to 3,550,000 frames for old and indi-gent members. Its expenditure last year was about £20,000, about £1,000 less than the ran after the dog and yelled and whistled, but the more they laughed and yelled and whistled the funnier it seemed to the dog. He dived under the wagons and played hide-and seek around the horsecars, now and then tossing the whip up in the ais in sheer exuberation of animal spirits, all the while keeping a weather eye on his immediate pursuer, the whole Broadway world looking laughingly on. Finally, in the course of a block or two, after a horse had stepped on the butt and had nearly jerked the bow-legged dog's teeth out and a street car had run over the hash and jerked them in again, he dropped the thing in the roadway and capered after his disappearing master, leaving the truck-man's assistant in possession, thoroughly warmed up with the chase.

-There were on British pastures last year nearly 29,000,000 sheep and lambs, showing an advance of nearly a million and a half over the number in 1890. Our total sheep stock last year, morever, exceeded by 3,000,000 head the flocks of two years ago, and by more than 4,000,000 the flocks of 1981.

-Ivory is sensitive to weather. Exposure to cold soon cracks it and renders billiard balls untrue. They are easily knocked out of shape too, if not well sea-soned or not well made. The center of the tusk should go through the center of the buil to preserve best a true spherical form.

-"When I was traveling in India," -The last census shows 3,715 towns in said Manager Tom Davis, 'I noticed that all Englishmen, and, in fact, Europeans gener-ally, signed their names with whatever the United States with a population of more than 1,000. There are 7 cities with more that title they had before or after them. Simple Bill Jones, Chicago, got no at-400,000 inhabitants: 31 between 100,000 and 400,000 inhaditants; 21 between 100,000 and 400,000:30 between 50,000 and 100,000 as over 20,000 and under 50,000; 92 over 15,000 and under 25,000, and 138 over 10,000 and under 15,000. tention whatever compared to these fellows. Englishmen are awful kickers everywhere

-Dutch military cycling volunteers hav

THE House Committee on Territories to

extending invitations to the King and Quee

whatever on the subject.

FATHER HEFFRON, of St. Paul, has tel

the author of the statement telegraphed from St. Paul yesterday that Archbisho Ireland is to be made a Cardinal. Fathe Heffron adds that he has no information

from Victoria up to March 2, and says that a fleet of scalars has been operating during the past faw weeks along the coast between the mouth of the Columbia river and Cape Flattery, meeting the herd of scala as they come north. Passing vessels report that as a rule the weather has been fine, and the number of scals taken very satisfactory to the fact one report saying "the hunters are

THE Columbian Exposition Committee of the Senate to-day authorized favorable re ports to be made upon several resolutions

of Spain and the Presidents of the Ang and Queen and South American Republics to attend the World's Fair, and soliciting the loan of rel-ios and documents relating to Columbus and the discovery of America, and authorizing the Librarian of Congress to make an ex-hibit of similar articles.

egraphed to Cardinal Gibbons that he is not

UNITED STATES CONSUL MYERS ha furnished the Department of State with a list of sealing vessels which have cleared from Victoria up to March 2, and says that a

ay finished the consideration of the Arisona Statehood bill, and has decided to re port it favorably to the House in an amended form. The Territory, like New Mexico, has received very liberal treatment by the com-mittee, and is given one-ninth of the public lands for school purposes. The amounts al-lowed for public buildings, etc., are about the same as granted to New Mexico, making a total of 765,000 acres in all.

PREMATURE DENUNCIATION.

Some of our esteemed cotemporaries, who are making a strong effort to combine an opposition to free silver coinage with Democracy; are very wroth with the Republican minority in the House because they did not vote with the minority of the Democracy on the question of order last weak by which a day was fixed for the consideration of the Bland bill. The estoomed Philadelphia Record uses rather strong language on this point as follows:

Had they voted with the Democratic opcontents of free silver coinage there would more been a majority of six votes only in vor of the measure. But by their shame betraval of principle they have beloed the windle to a majority of 105 votes; and with this majority a prestige which it will be difficult, if not impossible, to overcome. * * * Should freesilver coinage be ultimately attained a large share of the responsibility for it would rest with the Republican nar isnus who voted for its consideration of Monday last.

What was the "principle" at stake in the votes of Monday? First, whether the Speaker was right in deciding that a report from the Committee on Rules could e considered before the reading of the journal; second, whether a day should be fixed for the consideration of the silver not. On the first point every Congressman ought to have been honest enough to vote for his views on parliamentary law, aithough, probably, few were. On the next it is entirely honest for a man who is and settling it one way or the other. In neither of these respects is there any items.

When the Republicans vote in favor of the Bland bill on its passage, there will be going far beyond our instructions by stopsome ground for talking of their "be trayal of principle." Any "prestige' that the bill gets will be by that vote on its passage. Until then talk of the kind quoted from our Democratic cotemporary must be credited to anguish over the prospoot of its own party getting on recordon the wrong side of the question.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PENSION SCHEME. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has taken a leaf at once from Prince Bismarck's propesition and from the ideas of the Socialists to the extent of drawing up a plan for pensioning aged workingmen. It is rather strange to find a man allied with a Conservative Cabinet proposing that the Government shall take charge of a plan of pensions for workingmen; but such are the exigencies of politics. The immediate incitement seems to be that Mr. John Morley, who is Mr. Chamberlain's hated rival, has proposed that the Government pension aged workingmen at a cost of necessary for Mr. Chamberlain to develop his plan.

Mr. Chamberlain's proposition is that the Government shall take it in hand to see that every pensioner provides his own pension. Every workingman, when 25 years old, must deposit \$25, and every year thereafter he must pay in \$5. When he reaches the age of 65, or has kept up these payments for 40 years, he is to get a pension of \$1 25 per week.

If the payment of \$25 in 40 years has interest on it compounded semi-annually, the resulting payment of a pension of \$65 for the term of the working man's life pot from almost any annuity company. But while there does not seem to be any especial liberality in the new era of commercial organization,

scured by a misrepresentation or misun derstanding of the facts. It is evident that when the population of a city demands greater transit facilities than can be afforded by surface roads the improvement has got to go either overhead or underground. Mr. Halstead's testimony confirms the opinion already justified by previous reports that when a city reaches the point where one or the other is required, the Greathead system offers a ossibility of greater speed, more enduring stability, and consequently greater safety and capacity than can be secured by an elevated railway system.

AN ANTIPODAL EXAMPLE.

The statement that the Governor of the province of Queensland has determined to adopt the policy of prohibiting all immigration for an indefinite period, shows that other countries besides our own are troubled with the immigration problem. It

might be supposed that Queensland, which was first settled within the memory of middle-aged people, and which must still possess immense tracts of unsettled country, was far from reaching the point where it could shut off immigration; but by this report the decision seems to have been practically made.

Complaints have been general in Australia that undesirable immigrants have been sent to those provinces. It is natural to think that countries which in their inor posed to a measure to favor taking it up ception met and solved the problem of convict immigration could get along without being so nice at an advanced stage. sound reason for biaming the Repub- But Australia has already adopted our example in excluding Chinese immigration. and Queensland is now on the point of

ping all immigration and thence building up a system of regulations by which desirable immigrants may be admitted. The United States will not adopt so popular with the lawyers, since no less than seven hundred and fifty persons in Germany sweeping a policy as that of Queensland; re being prosecuted for lese majeste.

all future immigration.

EXPERIENCE FOR ENGLISHMEN.

Two or three years ago English syndicates were buying up all sorts of American properties and capitalizing them for the sake of appeasing the appetite of the English investors for stocks with an equal amount of value and water. THE DISsome \$30,000,000 annually. This made it PATCH took occasion to remark that it would not take long for that class of investments to lose its popularity.

It did not require any prophetic instinct to make that prediction. It was a result of business law, that enterprises bearing from 30 to 70 per cent of watered capitalization could not yield large dividends on that water in competition with other concerns operated on actual capital. It was also in accordance with human nature that a concern in which ownership and actual conduct were separated by thousands of miles, would not be as profitable as its rivals

under the immediate supervision and care of their owners. While the prewill be little, if any better, than could be diction was one that anyone might have made, the fact that some business pundits discovered in it a

OPINIONS expressed by Labor Commis sioner Powell, of Minuesota, on the econom-ical management of labor union insurance funds are well worthy of attention. There is no more useful and legitimate aim for labor organizations than the establishment of insurance systems on a sound basis at minimum rates. KAISER WILHELM should at any rate be

and the rule is so arbitrary as to create a suspicion that it may be incited by the great land-owners to protect themselves against having their estates cut up by the free selectors, corresponding to the homestenders of this country. But with this example set by an English colony, Europe cannot blame the United States if it adopts stringent regulations with regard to the character and sanitary condition of

uvenience.

THE moral status of variety performer must be improving when a father says that he did his daughter an injustice in reporting that she had run away to get married, as he had discovered that she had only joined a variety company.

> THE Board of Lady Managers is at least well able to compete with the male organ izers in a desire to control as much mone

convenience for their companions.

as possible. ADVERTISEMENTS of porous plasters may be expected now to make a special fea-ture of the convenience of the wares for smuggling purposes. One man has been caught bringing in diamonds under one.

> HENBY WATTERSON is perfectly right in his opinion that "the woods are full of admirable possibilities"-possibilities of ailure.

THERE is no truth in the assertion that e big city appropriation was made to cover the expense of providing all deserving but poor persons with pocket money for the purchase of occasional luxuries.

THERE is a general belief that if the

ment Upon Mankind

NEW HAVEN, March 12 .- Prof. Totten, of Tale College, said to-day with reference to his work, "The Hope of History," just pub

"My treatment of the flood is chiefly chro nological and astronomical. It proves that Moses was accurate. I account for the flood in this way. The waters above the firma-ment were a great ring of drift, vapor, soot and emoke, just like that which surrounds Saturn at this minute, and that, which was once a belt about all the planets, fell. That was the deluge

once a belt about all the planets, fell. That was the deluge. "In 1853 and 1866 the stars fell according to prediction. They were the over-ripe fruit of this tottering ring of meteorites, which some day is to come down upon the earth. "A scientific spike through Noah's ark, I deem to be the result of my most important calculations. We are at the edge of the period of grace, and before us, from the end of this March, there stretch seven years of judgment upon all mankind. In many places it has begun. Now, the Savior predicted this to be as certain as the deluge was true. I believe the flood, in its vindication, is one of the signs of his coming." of the signs of his coming."

FIVE THOUSAND AUTOPSIES

A Philadelphia Man to Sacrifice His Stort to Humanity and Science.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12 -- One of the most remarkable autopsies in the interest of humanity and science will take place at Joseph E. Gillingham's magnificent stock farm, "Clairemont Farm," Villa Nova, next Wednesday.

Wednesday. At an expense of probably \$5,000, Mr. Gil-ingham will have over 30 of his fine Jersey cows killed to prevent the spread of tuber-colosis, and science will be utilized in the cilling. The autopsies will be witnessed by nany well-known professional men.

Liberals for Canadian Independence,

OTTAWA, ONT., March 12 .- Hon. David Mills, the principal Liberal leader, has given notice that he will introduce a measure in Parliament Wednesday in favor of Canada negotiating her own treaties, subject to the approval of the Dominion Parliament.

Better Hang On to Their Sealskins. Chicago News.]

While in the presence of gentlemen hall-ing from Great Britain ladies will now hang on tightly to their scalakins.

THE THREE LITTLE CHAIRS.

A PREACHER who does not use tobace Philadelphia Public Ledger.] and never expects to do so, but refuses to pledge himself to abstinence from the week They sat alone by the bright wood fire, The gray-haired dame and the aged sire, Dreaming of days gone by: The tear-drops fail on each aged cheek: They both had thoughts that they could not speak, as a matter of principle, is an anomalism whose philanthropy is only equalled by the non-smokers who always carry matches as As each heart uttered a sigh.

LOAFERS are said to have been an im-For their sad and tearful eyes desc Three little chairs piaced side by side Against the sitting room wall; Old-fashioned enough as there they stood-Their seats of flag and their frames of woo portant factor in the recent German riots. In Pittsburg loafers are merely a public in With their backs so straight and tall.

Then the sire shock his silvery hosd, And with trembling voice he gently said: "Mother, those empty chairs! They bring us such sad, sad thoughts to-night, We'll put them forever out of sight, In the small dark room upstairs,"

But she answered, "Father, no, not yet; For I look at them and I forget That the children went sway, The boys come back, and our Mary, too, With her apron on of checkered blue,

And sit here every day. ohnny still whittles a ship's tall masts, And Willie his leaden builets casts, While Mary her patchwork sews; At evening time three childish prayers Go up to God from those little chairs, So softly that no one knows,

Johnny comes back from the billowly deep Willie wakes from his battle-field sleep. To say a good-night to me; Mary's a wife and mother no more

But a tired child whose play-time is o'es And comes to rest on my knee.

So, let them stand there, though empty now, And every time when alone we bow At the Father's throne to pray, We'll ask to meet the children above In our Savier's home of rest and love, Where no child gotth away."

busy shooting seals." For instance, Febru-ary 20, the catch of six vessels was reported to be 573; February 22, of six other vessels, 324, and February 29, of six vessels, 347. Among these vessels the most successful are the W. P. Sayward and the E. B. Marvin, both, of which have in past years been seized and are notorious poachers. The Consul reports that the sealers have gone out this season earlier than usual, pending a renewal of the modus vivendis and hastened to sea to avoid official notice of it.

GENERAL CONGER, the United States Minister to Brazil, who is in this country on leave of absence, was among the President's visitors to-day. He said he expected to re-turn to his post in about three weeks. It is said at the White House and State Department to-day that there is no foundation for the report that Minister Egan is to be trans-

ferred from Chile to Brazil. SECRETARY ELKINS said to-day that the court martial cases of Major Charles B. Throckmorton, Second Artillery, and Major L. C. Overman, Corps of Engineers, would be submitted to the President Monday next, and would probably be disposed of within a week or two. He added that hothing could week or two. He added that nothing could be said in regard to these cases in advance of the President's action. The report that Major Overman was acquitted by the court is denied at the War Decartment, but it is admitted that sentence imposed is a most lenient one. A question of graat interest to the army, to be settled next week, is the ap-pointment of a Brigadier General, vice Gen-eral Kauitz, retired, and the promotions that will follow.

THERE is no change in the Bering Sea

situation, and no communication has been received from Lord Salisbury in response to the President's note of the 8th instant, in-sisting on a renewal of the modus vivendi.

SECRETARY BLAINE'S symptoms con tinue favorable, and that he is gaining strength is shown by the fact that he was able to sit up to-day and read the newspa-pers. It is expected that he will be able to resume the direction of affairs at the State artment next week.

Booms Rapidly Becoming Invisible, Washington Star.]

Some of the Presidental booms will pres ently rival Tascott for invisibility.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE. Bishop Bedell, of Ohio.

Rt. Rev. Gregory Thurston Bedell, third Episcopal bishop of Ohio, died at the Dakóta Flats, in New York, at noon Friday. Bishop Bedell was over 80 years of age and had been an neucii was over 50 years of age and had been an invalid for a number of years. He had lived in quiet retirement at the Dakota building during the past hiree years with his wife. Death was due to paralysis and old age. The functai will take place from the Church of the Ascension, and the burlai at Gambiars. O nurial at Gambier; O.

Rev. Stephen Elwell.

Rev. Stephen Elwell, pastor of the M. E. Church, at Yatesville, Pa., was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Death was the result of par-alysis. He was 52 years old. He began his work in the Wyoming conference in 1862, at Springville, N. Y., and until 1878 officiated in the New York State section of the conference. This was his first year in charge of the Yatesville church.

Obituary Notes.

PROF. STENBERG, the eminent specialist i mental diseases, died yesterday in Copenhagen. REV. DS. CARENS, Principal of the United Free byterian College at Edinburgh, and a prominer Presbyterian divine, died suddenly yesterday. BRIGADIER GENERAL DUNLEY STEELE, of the New Jersey National Guard. diod yesterday m ing at Orange, N. J. He served throughout War of the Rebellion as paymaster's clerk. was born in Jersey City in 1859.

CAPTAIN W. D. NICHOLAS, que of the most en-terprising clitacue of Lexington, Ky., died there Friday. He had been cashier for years of the Soc-ond National Bank. He gained his till en the Con-reference army under the command of General John H. Morgan

century's experience, is dead at the age of 65. She made her debut in her childhood, and in the sixtles she was noted as a comedienne, vocalist and dancer. About 1575 she visited this county, and was quite successful in comic opera. THOMAS BELL, comedian and general

anoman DELL, comedian and general waristy performer, died in Salt Lake City asveral days ago aged M. He was traveling with a vangeville troupe and was associated with John Shaundn as a "ketch team." Fail was considered a very plever comedian, and had been in a number of successful

kept house for him. For this reason Dr. Jasper says she and her husband plotted to take his life, so he sent them away, and now he must have a wife for housekeeper. The prospective bride is nearly as old as

Suspended Because of the Dunne Letter.

Sr. Louis, March 12 .- It is stated upon good procession and thereafter always signed my name 'Col. Thomas H. Davis, U. S. A. R. M., (Reserved Militia) and usually scared the waiters half to death before I asked for any-thing. The scheme worked beautifully and I got the best in the house. authority that Rev. Father Kuhlman, who, it was alleged at the time, was responsible for the wide circulation of the letter of for the wide circulation of the letter of Judge E. F. Dunne, severely critizing the work of the Archbishops in connection with the proposed Catholic Congress of 1898, has been suspended from his priestly functions by Bishop Ryan, Inquiry brought out a confirmation from an attache of Father Enblumate paper. -One cold rainy night last week a man stepped up to the door of a Jersey City man Kuhlman's paper. sion and rang the door-bell-once, twice, thrice. The head of the family, with a

City Water Works Break Loose.

blanket around his person, raised a window nervously and looked out. LEAVENWORTH, KAN., March 12 .- Shortly before noon to-day the weight of the water in the new water works reservoir on the "Who is it? What do you want?"

eservation porth of the city forced out the slush pipe, and nearly 8,000,000 gallons of water went out in about an hour, washing a water went out in about an hour, washing a quantity of mud and debris across the rail-way tracks below the hill. It is not thought that the break will materially affect the city's water supply, as the water company will make use of the old reservoirs until the break is upratized. cak is repaired.

Two Western Wolf Hunts,

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINN., March 12.-The volf drive was a great success vesterday. over 1,000 men took part, when the rounds

Over 1,000 men took part, when the roundup was finished there were within the circle 30 wolves, hundreds of jack rabbits and a soli-tary bear, which finally got away. Seven-teen of the wolves were killed. A dispatch from Fergus Falls, says: A wolf hunt here, indulged in by 3,000 men, succeeded in round-ing up two forlorn specimens, one of which escaped.

Presidents and Potentates Invited.

hands briskly. "What am I to do? I put it to you, sir, as one gentleman to another, could entally-what am I to do?" "D-d-do!" "roared the shivering house-holder, rubbing one bare shin against the other in amazement-"do? Get out! Go to-no, here"-fishing up half a dollar from the change pocket of his ulster-"now go to -go and finish your drunk!" And bang went the door. CHICAGO, March 12 .- The World's Fair Joint Committee on Ceremonies has ap-pointed a committee to wait upon the President of the United States, the Vice President, Judges of the Supreme Court, nembers of the Cabinet and representatives of foreign nations, to invite their presence at the dedication ceremonics in October.

They Flap With a Merry Jingle Washington Post.] When it comes to the silver question the

New York Democrats flap together with a merry jingle.

the proprietors of public resorts. In New York it requires more vigilance on the part GOULD'S LATE BENEVOLENCE. of hotel detectives to prevent this single act of vandalism than it does to guard against MR. JAY GOULD has thrown a golden apple of vandarism totan it does to gusta sganst pickpockets. The other day a young man was caught cutting his initials with a dia-mond ring on a brand new \$50 plate glass window at one of the newest hotels uptown. When he was taken to task about it he ad-mitted it and treated it as a good joke. But it was no joke when he saw this item in his bill: in among the clergymen of New York, which has got them into a red-hot wrangle.-Roches-

er Union. It is explained that Mr. Jay Gould is This grant that Mr. Jay Gould is merely giving way to the monastic tastes of his great exemplar when in feeble health. Which is a delicate way of putting an old rhyme.—Boston Heraid. * bill: February 17. For one plate glass window cut with diamond ring, \$50. The vandals are not always men. A lady walking through a corridor with another lady called attention to a disfigured window with, "Now, I wonder what idlot did thist" "I-I did it," replied the other. And the relations of the pair are now somewhat strained. I never see these scratches without recall-ing the pertinent lines of a famous wit: When ever I see a fellow's name

JAY GOULD has taken to dealing in futures. He has put \$10,000 in church extensive funds and \$25,000 in university preferred. If he ever realizes on this investment he is not likely to be in position to water the stock.

cago Trib WHAT does the loosening of their pursestrings by the plutocrats portend? Jay Gould's latest gift of \$25,000 to the University of the City of New York is probably a thank ffering that the recent rumor of his death and no foundation in fact .- Detroit Free

Press. it," said a charming Washington lady who goes about a great deal, "does not boast of THERE has been no proof presented to show that the \$10,000 which constituted Mr. Gould's gift was not acquired by him in an honorable many good conversationalists. With here and there rare exceptions the usual social way. Therefore, the whole question be personal one. Should society ass and there rare exceptions the usual social dialogue is dull and commonplace-often stupid. There are good talkers, of course-as there are among a miscellaneous lot of women anywhere; but a good talker is not necessarily a good conversationalist, as I understand that term. Your good talker is apt to be quite the opposite-an actual bore. Conversation implies talk from two or more persons, not a monologue. I think the big-gest bore on earth is your good talker who is not a conversationalist. Intelligent conwith him or proclaim him an outcast? If it treats him with severity, how must it treat ther men who have done wrong?-Evening Wisconstin.

JAY GOULD has followed up his su ion of \$10,000 to the Church Extension So iety by a gift of \$25,000 to the University of is not a conversationalist. Intelligent con-versation on the topics of the day between bright people who are good conversational-lists is to my mind the highest degree of human intercourse." CRANLES TREODORS MURBAT. NEW YORE, March 12. the City of New York. He has not hereto fore appeared in the role of a philanthropist, and it would seem that with increasing age the "Wizard of Wall Street" was becoming more solicitous of the good opinion of the public.-Ohio State Journal.

hardest. Lieutenant William Henry Llewelyn Smythe, H. M. Royal Fusileers, got to pass a real examination before they are t all on the register and kicked like a Teras teer all the way through. It seemed that this was what was expected of him. "As soon as I thoroughly understood the

Booze Mixed With Rain Water.

Diamonds and Fine Windows.

Hotel is badly disfigured, but the vandals are still in the ring. The peculiar "corola-

tion" of the plate glass, the donkey and the

diamond ring forms an interesting study for

When e'er I see a fellow's name Seratched upon the glass, I know he owns a diamond And his tather owns an ass.

Conversation and Mere Talk.

"New York society 'as I have found

-The plate glass of the Fifth Avenue

accepted for the maneuvers, but when passed they get 5 florins a day, first-class fare traveling, and are lodged as officers at the expense of the State. They have to be able to ride 63 miles in seven hours and 31 miles in two hours and a half. situation I determined to keep up with the

-It is stated that there has been dis covered in the forests of India a strange covered in the forests of India a strange plant, which possesses, to a very high de-gree, asionishing magnetic power. The hand which breaks a leaf from it immediately receives a shock equal to that which is pro-duced by the conductor of an indication coil. The energy of this singular influence varies with the hour of the day.

-When Herbert Sprague, of Bangor went to bed the other night he carried to his room a buil terrier pup. At midnight Sprague snored, and the dog scratched his face to swake him. Sprague cuffed the dog, where-upon the animal, with true terrier instinct, seized his master by the nose and shook him as he would a rat. The dog is dead now, and Sprague's nose has lost much of its beauty.

-The phrase "A hair of the dog that bit you, though now confined to a symbolic and alcoholic interpretation, has an accurately canine origin. In the Caucasus it is still common for anyone who is bitten by a dog to lay a handful of hair, taken from the same animal's coat, upon the wound before catterising and bandaging it. In some mystic way the hair is supposed to prevent untoward consequences.

"What's like to you want?" "Want' I want to come in, of course," was the gruft reply. "You don't suppose I'm do-ing this for fun?" There was something in the man's volce or in the confident tone that brought the win-dow down and the head of the house to the door, this time in a pair of slippers and an overcoat. Again the query: "I want a place to sleep," said the man, who appeared to be well dressed but under the influence of liquor. "Wha-why-do you know what time it is? The idea of-2 o'lock, sir?" "No-I don't. But it's time I was in bed somewhere. T'aint mv fault I'm not in bed. I've got no place to go." "Well, biank my eves-if this don't--" "Time is money, sir, I'd like to exchange a little time for cash-the price of a bed. I'm long on time and short on cash. The price of a bed, sir--" "Well, er-I'm-why, man, you--" but his feelings overcame him. The caller still had his foot in the door and was rubbing his hands briskly. -Experiments in instantaneous photosraphy have proved to us that the shots not only spread out, comet-like, as they fly, but they string out one behind the other to a nuch greater distance than they spread. Thus, with a cylinder gun, when the first shot of a charge reaches a target that is 40 yards away, the last shot is lagging along 10 yards benind. Even with the chokebor gun some of the shot will lag behind 8 yards in 40.

LIGHT LITTLE LAUGHS.

f she would only pocket. The secret in her pocket. -New York Herald.

"You believe in signs, don't you?" said

"Writing your name at the bottom of a contract

"The sighs I am sighing," the poet had

"Are uttered for thee, dear, but uttered for

"The size of your sighing," said she who had

Railroad Conductor-Two tickets, please,

for the double-headed boy. Manager-I've got only one and they'll ride on

hat. Railroad Conductor-No, they won't. If you

To speed the buds the sun came out;

"I'm as happy as a king," said Lottie in

"Why don't you say 'ace,' Lottie?" said her "Why don't you say 'ace,' Lottie?" said her ittle brother Jack. "A ace is bigger'n a king."

Miss Bleecker of New York-I was just

dekied to death. Miss Emerson of Boston-I was also fatally titillated.-Judge.

This difference twixt the optimist This difference twist and And pessimist you find: One notes the clouds, the other talks About the light behind. -New York Press.

Winebriddle-Snively is a dontist now. Gildersleeve-And rich, of course? "Why, of course?" "Because all dentists do a pain business ith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly

enotonen Nesos.

On this the poet wrote a sonnet That praised the flowers, but left out The blossoms on an Easter bounet.

don't pay another fare I'll put one of them

na Times.

-Pawtucket Times.

"Is too utter for me, dear, too utter for me."

the newspaper man to the actor. "Oh, yes," was the reply. "Well, what do you consider a lucky sign?"

or a good salary. - Washington Star

Edwin (amateur photographer)-That's It! Another plate spolled !... Angelina-What spoiled it? Edwin-The light of your eyes.

P. S.-Engaged. -Puck. A woman might a secret keep, And safe forever lock it, If she would only think to put