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TOO SHREWD TO BE MISLED.

Rhode Island is a small State, but what is lacking in quantity of brain is to a considerable extent made up in quality. There are some very shrewd thinkers among the manufacturers, who cannot be taken in by a spurious logic which scorns even consistency, that chiefest necessity for successful argument. As one of them points out in THE DISPATCH this morning, it is simply ridiculous for Democrats to go to Rhode Island and tell the manufacturers that the Springer bill will reduce the price of their raw material while they try to persuade the wool raiser that it will raise the price of his product. Mr. Springer's statement in the House yesterday that the only possible result of his bill is to raise the price of American wool should teach the Islanders that it is dangerous to trust a tariff-tinker even when professedly bringing gifts. Then, too, they are patriotic enough to refuse a benefit which would be merely a local and not national.

If wool can be successfully raised in America-and it is but a blind minority which attempts to deny facts clearly established by experience-then America should be self-contained in this as in all other possible respects. Nothing should be done to discourage the grazing industry. Every tariff legislation should have for its object the absolute independence of our country from the rest of the world for the necessaries and conveniences of life. Opinion among the rank and file of voters appears to be much more divided than it should be on a question so clearly defined as the leading issue of this election. If Rhode Island should at this time elect a body of men pledged to do all they can to overthrow the ramparts of Protection the result will in a degree be a national disaster. Such a performance would do much to destroy a reputation for sagacity and the State would not easily get over the blow. On the other hand the prestige of a patriotic rally would have force enough to stagger the enemy and bring sure defeat upon his cause.

ing silver as a money metal. With that method taken was that of monopolizing indication of sound opinion among the Minnesota Democrats we have ground for the production of the traffic so as to prevent competing lines from getting hold of it. hope that the sections where the Bland bill was supposed to have the greatest The result is that the ratio of growth in the anthracite trade is only a fraction of strength will take the ground on the use that in the bituminous output of the West, where competition reduces the charges of of silver without involving an inflation of values or a scaling of debts. If the transporters and middlemen to something Democracy of the nation have the good like a reasonable basis. sense to take the position of the Minne sota platform, they will be unassailable so IT is discreditable to the nation that laws should be necessary to insure purity at the polls. A law having been framed for the purpose which is inadequate to suppress corruption, the amount of ingenuity exfar as silver is concerned, however they may be misled as to the tariff.

its stead the sound method of rehabilitat-

STUPID EXCLUSION.

A remarkable illustration of the changes brought about by the whirligig of time is, that a generation after the United States joined other civilized powers in opening the Chinese and Japanese empires to civil-ization, one branch of the United States Congress passes a bill to establish against the Chinese an exclusion as complete as China ever set up against any other part of the world.

The Geary bill, passed by the House of Representatives yesterday, forbids entrance to the United States of any Chinese person, except the Minister from China and his private and official family. Why, if such an exclusion is to be established, any arrangement should be made for a Chinese Minister it is difficult to say, unless it be that the political managers recognize that shutting up the Chinese mission at Washington might also close certain fat berths for our politicians in China. But it is certain that the bill is the most remarkable and unwarranted measure that California

demagoguery could have devised. Western storm continues to grow. If the area of the wind-swept district be consid-The bill not only violates the treaty obligations which we induced China to ered, the damage is triffing compared with agree to, but it is absolutely brutal in its that of real railroad wrecks. Yet loss from the latter can be reduced to a minimum by an outlay for proper precautionary outfits, sacrifice of our own interests. If China should try to make a creditable exhibit at the World's Fair, the bill, if enacted, while the former is almost entirely independent of human control. would shut out every man sent to set up the exhibit. If Chinese statesmen or capitalists should wish to come to that York's gift to starving Russians, sails under exhibition to see what could be adapted the British flag is a startling commentary on to the needs of their land in the line of our shipping industries. machinery, or fabrics, this stupid law would forbid them to patronize our inthe statement that cattle have been destitutions. Under such a law there would horned by hailstones. Such cruel exposure must not be allowed to continue. Cattle be no use in trying to keep up intercourse and extend trade with China, and the owners ought to be compelled to provide their beasts with builet-proof armor for Chinese Government would be perfectly justified in establishing the same rule of such emergencies. non-intercourse with this nation on their

side. ing industry will be crushed out of exist-ence before summer sets in. It is by an exactly opposite course of legislation that Great Britain has extended her trade with China while ours has dwindled nearly to the point of disfor the ill-indged strike of the coal miners. appearance. The present law has prewhich should be a powerful lesson to organ vented Chinese immigration from flooding ized labor. National trade is threatened. and laborers must be the greatest sufferers the country. There is no need to stultify the international policy simply to make in an era of depression and failure. political capital for a California politician SPRING is here with all its gentleness

A LONG-STANDING NEED. A sign of progress for which occasional visitors to Pittsburg will be thankful is contained in the assertion of Mr. Bigelow that the long-promised street-corner signs will soon be put up throughout the city. The destitution of Pittsburg in the matter of signs disclosing the names of streets has long been a subject of comment. At intervals of four or five years an outburst of popular protest has been heard and the expectation has been held out of a complete reform by which any person at a street corner can tell what the streets are -a thing now impossible to strangers at eighty per cent of the street corners in the Notwithstanding the periodical agicity. tation the street signs have not yet materialized.

mere matter of mooushine. The fact that the promise of them now comes spontaneously and not in response BOSTON is undoubtedly a brainy city. to any recent public demand permits the member of its chess club has just beaten the champion of the world. But it must be hope that the material result will be more deadly dull, for one of its journals says tangible than heretofore. It will certainly supply a long-felt want when all the street here are no such things as has tions. 🦂 corners are supplied so that the way-faring man need not err in his excursions through the city. When Pittsburg is fully supplied with street signs the public will be almost inclined to hope for the realization of that other and slightly more recent promise from the head of the Department of Public Works about putting all the electric wires underground.

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rates on that profitable traffic. The

ded to render it inaffective is disgrace

ful. Straight voting will never be secured

without great universal effort on the part of individuals. Public sentiment is more

powerful than statutory law in matters of this sort.

UNLABELED streets are worse than

anonymous letters. The distribution of name plates to our streets is a much-needed

improvement which will remove a long-felt

IF the postponement of the raid on un-

licensed dogs were the only result of im-passable roads there would be no very great

reason for grief. But unfortunately the fact

that there are roads quite near the city

which cannot be traversed at this seaso

Springer's return to the House is a refresh

malities usually prevalent there.

THE list of fatalities from the recent

THE fact that the Missouri, carrying New

THE Humane Society should investigate

including the usual hailstorms. Hail balmy

THE grand jury's severe remarks on the

New York police force have already taken effect. Although Sunday was the warmest

SET a thief to catch a thief and build ex-

HUMAN nature is a strange medley o

conflicting attributes. Persons who are as a rule remarkable for their accurate veracity

seem free from all conscientious scruples in

describing a fishing expedition, a halistorm

ILLICIT whisky distilling is by no mean

press cars of steel to prevent stealing.

empty and thirsty away.

spring!

or a cyclone.

Want.

SOME AFFAIRS OF STATE.

The House Passes a Most Sweeping Chinese Exclusion Bill-All Treaties Abrograted -Bering Sea Closed Season Being Considered-Some Old Cases Closed Up By Secretary Noble.

WASHINGTON, April 4 .- A bill held by WASHINGTON, April 2.— A bill head of friends and fore alike to be one of the most important now pending in the American Congress, was passed by the House of Rep-resentatives to-day, after only 30 minutes' debate. This measure, so rapidly rushed through the House, is important not alone

from an American, but an international standpoint, not alone because of its interest to the industrial classes throughout the na-tion, but because it is a nullification of important existing treaties. The bill in ques-tion is commonly known as the "Chinese exclusion bill," and was reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and to-day taken action upon by motion of Mr.

Geary, of California. Mr. Hooker, of Mississippi, made an earnest effort to secure a longer time for debate than the half hour allowed under suspen sion, dwelling upon the importance of the measure, but Mr. Heard, of Missouri, op-

jected to his request. Mr. Geary said the pending measure reme-died the defects which existed in the existing law. No measure short of it could effect the ends desired, and he hoped the House, at a time when so much was being said about protecting American labor, would not ob-ject to protecting it from imported foreign pauper labor.

A Fatal Objection to the Bill.

even by a light wagon, without great diffi-culty, is a striking indication of the way in which rural trade is burdened. Mr. Hitt, of Illinois, and Mr. Hooker said that a fatal objection to this bill in the mind of every man of honor and truth was SUCH a scene as that which attended Mr. deliberate violation of plighted faith. Mr. ing contrast to the tooth and nail partisan Hitt said: "There were many business inter sts at stake, but they were all small dust in the balance when compared with the propo

the balance when compared with the propo-sition to abrogate existing treaties. We have had many anti-Chinese bills, each made stronger than the other, but never be-fore has there been presented to the House one which so utteriv disregards and violates national faith. With a cold perfidy this bill declares that all treaties in contravention with this act should be repealed, set aside and abrogated." He discussed the point at length, and said that to pass the bill would be a breach of honor and of good faith.

Mr. Geary said that the Chinese Govern in this country, had done everything in its power to violate the spirit of the treaty. Messrs. Hermann, of Oregon, and Cutting, or California, also favored the bill, and on further debate it was passed by a vote of 179 was to (2 nave

yeas to 43 nays.

Sweeping Out the Chinese.

The bill absolutely prchibits any Chinese, whether or not subjects of China (excepting diplomatic and consular officers and servants) from entering the United States, and Chinese who may hereafter leave the United States are prohibited from returning to this It is just possible that Somerset's lead-ENGLAND is paying an immense price

Chinese who may nereatter neave the chinese States are prohibited from returning to this country. It makes liable to avrest upon warrant issued by any Justice. Judze or United States commissioner, Chinese or per-sons of Chinese descent entering the United States by crossing its boundary lines, or found unlawfully in the United States, and provides for the pun-ishment of the Chinese by imprison-ment not exceeding five years and subse-quent removal from the United States to the country whence they came; provided that when they come to the United States from China by way of contiguous foreign territory they shall be returned to China. The act applies to subjects of any other for-eign power. A proviso allows the Secretary of the Treasury to admit Chinese, other than laborers or artisans, to temporarily visit the United States under such rules as he may prescribe. The last clause repeals all acts inconsistent with this, and abro-gates, sets aside and repeals the provisions day that city has for years experienced at this senson, habitual imbibers were sent all acts inconsistent with this, and abro-gates, sets aside and repeals the provisions of all treaties now in force between the United States and China, which may conflict with the provisions of this act. Violations of the law will be followed by fine and im-

> SECRETARY BLAINE and Secretary Foster had a conference with the President, this morning, in regard to the arrangements for a closed season in Bering Sea, this year, and the President devoted a great part of the day to the consideration of that subject, denying himself to all other visitors. It is understood that the negotiations for a modus vivendi are nearing a conclusion, and when that compact is signed arrangements will be made to exchange ratification of the arbi-tration treatm tration treaty.

THE Logan case, which has become celebrated throughout the Southwest because of the sensational and romantic circumstances out of which it aross, was decided to-day by

suitable for the purpose on account of its liability to overflow from the neighboring stream. The new site is the south half of

confirmed the following nominations, among others: United States Marshals-A. P.Coles

THE National Silver Committee will meet

Withholding the Clubs' Fats,

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.-The Suprema

His Sand Yielded to Sugar.

Big Timber Yet Before Them.

It is the turn of the Cleveland men to crow, but they should be mild about it in view of

the fact that there is yet a good deal of tim

Signs Point in the Right Direction.

in Washington April 20.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

ber for them to pass through.

Chicago Tribune.]

Eastern district of Pennitivania; I

ection 13, township 9, range 16 west.

with the subject.

Kenn, Charleroi.

GOSSIP OF SOCIETY.

Making the New House Homelike-A Meet-The Coghlans in Lady Barter-Ship Aboy's ing of Lovers of Artistic Ching-Walters Act as Entertainers-Fancy Fair in Allegheny. Town.

THE PLAY'S THE THING.

SEVERAL days have passed since moving

day, but there is a feeling now that life may possibly be worth the living in the new abode. The woman who is responsible for the comfort of the home has her own tasks in connection with the refurnishment of a house in which very little of the furniture that was so exactly in its place in the old made their appearance together in "Lady Barter" last night at the Duquesne Theater. "Lady Barter" is a comedy of a rather serious tone by Charles Coghian. It is an episode in the life of a refined "Lady Barter" is a comedy of a rather serious tone by Charles Coghlan. It is an episode in the life of a rether written play. Lady Barter is the extremely written play. Lady Barter is the extremely rapid widow of an obliging old party of 80, who has had the decency to dis before the playing her fish toward the matrimonial shore a certain Chonel Fearce obes up haded with letters from her lover, who has been killed in Exypt, and determined as soon as he learns of her from such a fate. The gradual lifting of the velt from Lady Barter's alightly damaged sis made entertaining by the extromely provided. The exclamation of polite wit is, in determined as noon as he learns of her from such a fate. The gradual lifting of the velt from Lady Barter's alightly damaged sis made entertaining by the extromely provided. The exclamation of polite wit is, in here action, in the second act especially. Played by less able actors it would be de-didely tedious in many places. We don't who whether Mr. Coghlan intended the aff its sympathies to the dis-furth the velt from his sevel rooping covert, and even the mili-fue at most people will do so is probable for Lord Brent looks contemptible enough as aff its sympathies to the modest grace-even he cannot be proint technically, into guess exactly what Coons Protocol act sevel with the Victoria Cross, of course is the fall sind fam wears that rare badge with modest grace-tor, as its were, long before it is played. The shall be found is be proint technically is cond, notably the underhand grin booking Coghlan a ther best, but the performant from what her best, but the performant of Chonel. Pearce as she lay sup-tor the chonely with considerable starts of the management of the familiar Becky Miss Coghlan a ther best, but the performant is would have been nearer nature and better who choned. Pearce as she lay sup-tor the the house so effectively, but is the fuely distribut her familiar Becky whise Coghlan a ther best, but the perform-tor and word performed as the sthe performant is c that was so exactly in its place in the old home will consent to fit the new. It is the experience of most housekeepers-espec young ones-that it takes several weeks to get settled down. A hint as to the way in which this settled down feeling can be hastened may not be out of place. The secret is a simple one. Let the big things in the parlor find places as they may, but take care that the ornaments, the knick-knacks, the statuettes, the pictures, the draperies, th thousand and one prettinesses that are in the home of any woman of taste are arranged as carefully as they ever were in the old house. Once get these household goods properly disposed of, and the bare, lonesome feeling that is one of the horrors of a new home will be disp elled like snow under the warm breath of spring.

THIS evening the Duquesne Ceramic Club will hold its first reception at the rooms of the Academy of Science and Art. There is the Academy of Science and Art. There is expected to be a large and interesting ex-hibit of art pottery, that will mark a new era in the culture of this city, and in a direc-tion hitherto somewhat neglected. The rooms will be decorated with exotics and on the walls will be a number of valuable paint-ings. A large attendance is assured.

THE waiters of the Kenmawr Hotel took hand in entertaining the guests last night. They gave a very creditable concert of vocal and instrumental music. Some excellent voices were brought forth in the course of the programme, and the audience, which consisted of nearly all the guests of the hotel and many friends, was unaulmous in its praise of the affair. This is the first con-cert of the kind ever given in Pittaburg, but its success will insure its not being the last.

avenue, Allegheny, conducted a theater party of ten couples to witness Miss Ros Coghlan's performance of "Lady Barter" at the Duquesne Theater last night. The entire party came in a four-in-hand coach, with outriders. This is the first time that this kind of a conveyance was used for a theater party, and the young folks enjoyed themselves immensely in their peculiar con-

Focial Chatter. MRS. THEODORE W. NEVIN, of Sewickley, ception yesterday.

MRS. MCMASTERS and Mrs. Normecutt will be the chaperones at to-night's meeting of the Linden Euchre Club.

the Linden Euchre Cho. "THE Sacraments" will be the title of the Rev. George Hodges' final lecture of the Lenten series, in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Thursday evening. The lectures have been enjoyed by large andiences dur-ing Lent, and there is general regret over the fact of their being nearly ended. ance, evidently.

This afternoon the Ladies' Aid Society of the Southside Hospital will meet at the Guild House to elect officers for the ensuing year. Reports of officers and standing committees for the past year will be read, and the work for the past 12 months will be reviewed. last night, evidences that there are still some people who want farce-comedy. In "The Hustler" they are accommodated.

"The Hustler" they are accommodated. Without scheme or plot it carries out its in-tention of anusing with funny incident and humorous sayings. "The Hustler" company embodies quite a number of clever specialists headed by the popular John Kernell. M'lle Leonilda Staccione, a very clever Spanish dancer. Miss Molite Thompson, Miss Ross France, Barney Rey-nolds, Charles J. Ross and Eddie Smith all made very pronounced bits in their special THE choir of the Arch Street M. E. Church is busily rehearsing its Easter music. It ex-pects to render one of the best Easter pro-grammes in the two cities. Since most of the churches are making extra preparations for Easter, this is a very ambitions intention.

noids, Charles J. Ross and Eddie Smith all made very pronounced hits in their special features. Probably the best impression was made by Gus Mills in his really remark-able impersonation of a female. Mr. Mills both looks, sings and acts the part to per-fection. In that line of business he has scarcely a peer in the profession. THE Young Women's Christian Temper-ance Union of Wilkinsburg will give an en-tertainment in Raiston's Hall on Friday evening. The Soussa Male Quartet will take part and, by special request, will sing "The Soldier's Farewell." In addition there will be a well-arrawged programme of musical and literary selections.

A REGULAR meeting of the Wilkinsburg Chautauqua Circle was held last evening at the residence of the Misses Mofflit, on North street. After the readings that form the business part of a Chautauqua circle meeting there were music and recitations. The interest in the Wilkinsburg Chautauqua Circle is increasing from week to week Circle is increasing from week to week.

A PANCY fair is to be held in the rooms of the Helping Hand Society on Tuesday, the 22d instant, under the auspices of the Me-clure Avenue Episcopal Mission, of Alle-gheny. The proceeds will be devoted to the needs of the mission. The ladies of the Helping Hand, as well as of the Episcopal Mission, are busy with preparations for the event.

event.

CUBIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-There are nearly 3,000 stitches in a pair of hand-sewn boots

Nautical Music-The Hustler and the -Wolverhampton has a bullock with a Boomer-A Glance at All the Plays in wooden leg and a good appetite. -A Maine boy of 8 years is said to be

Rose Coghian and her brother Charles able to repeat 40 chapters of the Bible. -The Emperor of China has ten men whose sole duty is to carry his umbrella.

-The contractor who built an Indiana fail now occupies one of its cells as a prisoner.

-French reporters now take notes at night by the light of a tiny incandescent lamp attached to the pencil.

-There is a brisk trade in second-hand tombstones in London. Still stranger is the custom of selling family vanits partly filled. -It is reckoned that the British fleet,

which numbered 2,140 guns, fired away 45, 000 pounds of powder during the battle of Trafalgar. -Paris is now the best lighted city in the

world, and a model for all cities that are bent on introducing electric lighting on a grand scale.

-Careful investigation in Prussia reveals the remarkable fact that the average life of Jews in Prussia is five years longer than that of Christians.

-A fine collection of seventeenth century tobacco-pipes has just been found under an old London cellar and deposited in the Guildhall Museum.

-The Rothschild family, of Europe, says Herr Flurscheim, the German economist, is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000,000, and their income to be \$35,000,000.

-The old troublesome question of how to tispose of wires never arises in Paris, where, thanks mainly to the subways, there are ab solutely no obstructive wires

-In no three large cities in Europe have greater advances in sanitation been shown during the last 20 years than in the cities of Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

-According to a law of nature, when a body is cooled it becomes heavier than when it is hot. There is one exception to the rule, however, and that is in the case of water.

-The latest whim for the owners of dogs is to make them wear shoes in the house for the purpose of protecting the polished floors, They are made of chamois, with leather

-Out of 23,000 persons engaged in cabinet making in London, 4,000 are foreigners. Some estimates place the Hebrew popula-tion in East London at 60,000, another esti-mate places it at 35,000.

-It is interesting to learn that the whole of the magnificent broades, velvets and sliks for the costumes in the Lyceum ver-sion of Henry VIII, were woven in English looms by English workmen.

-Black snow lately fell in the Canton of Geneva, Switzerland—a phenomenon which was once thought to presage the black plague and other calamities, but is now known to be due to a fungus in the snow.

-The total force in the naval service afloat in 1890 was 58,350 officers and men, of whom 30,020 were between the ares of 15 and 24, 17,310 between 25 and 35, 5,150 between 35 and 45, and 870 above 45 years of age.

-There are 25 railway tunnels in Ealand between one and two miles long, four over two miles, two just three miles, and one-the Severn, on the Great Western Railway-is over four and a half miles long.

-The proposed plan for the postal tube between France and England is to suspend two tubes, each about three feet in diameter, by means of steel cables thrown across the Channel, 129 feet above the level of the water.

-A gold coin passes from one to another 2,000,000,000 times before the stamp or impression upon it becomes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes between 3,250,000,000 times before it becomes entirely effaced.

-London's latest fad, the green carnation is said to be simply "a cross between a com mon carnation and a paint brash," a practical illustration of painting the lity which is financially as profitable as the milk-fed squishes they sometimes raise up in Dakota to startle the tenderroot.

-Catarrh and lung troubles make the residence of apes in Northern Europe only a brief pathway to the grave. Edgar Aka, the noted Paris chimpanzee, has recently died of consumption, and the successor to "Sally" in the London Zoological Garden has a cough which is almost human.

-Mulberry wood, the Doylestown, Pa.,

-In the most advanced Continental glass

-In former times it was esteemed highly

improper for single or unmarried persons to

MR. MORRIS WERTHEIMER, of Western

veyance.

IT WOULD BE A SMALLER JOB.

As an evidence of what it calls "buncombe politics," the New York Press refers to the \$21,000,000 river and harbor bill introduced in the House while that body is opposed to the Nicaragua canal, and says: "Four annual appropriations of \$21,000,000 each would probably build the canal."

This is correct as far as it goes. But it is necessary to add that any Congress which would make those four appropriations of \$84,090,000 in toto, to build a canal two thousand miles away from the nearest territory of the United States, would be buried so deep under popular condemnation at the next election that it could never show its head again. Yet the job in that form would not be so rank as in the form already presented to Congress. The total of \$84,000,000 would give a crooked profit of \$14,000,000 to the promoters of the canal who have contracted with themselves to build it. The proposed guarantee of \$100,000,000 will give them a margin of \$30,000,000 over the engineer's estimates.

An appropriation of \$21,000,000 for ; river and harbor bill without a clearly defined basis of operations for the crea tion of internal waterways is bad economy. It is an example of the political vices which prevail in both parties that a Congress elected for the correction of previous extravagance cannot do better than produce a bill on this scale. But when the plan is laid out so that each year's expenditure will bring us further on the way toward the completion of a comprehensive system of ship canals, there can be no way of spending the people's money to yield such good returns.

On the other hand there could be no more arrant and unjustifiable waste of the public funds of the United States than to put them into the swamps of Nicaragua for the benefit of nearly everyone except the people of this country. The Nicaragua Canal Company is entitled to build its own canal if it wishes, but it is not entitled to either money or credit from the United States Treasury.

SOUND ON SILVER.

The Democrats of Minnesota had the good sense to put themselves on a solid ground with regard to silver coinage. They reject alike the reduction in the standard of valuations proposed by the Bland bill and the Government warehouse policy of buying up silver and storing it away established by the present law. They believe in the free coinage of silver dollars that will be the equivalent of gold dollars, and vice versa, and assert the duty of Government "to examine the relative values of the metals of coinage as established by the commercial world, and | They had already made an advance of 25 if there has been a sufficient fluctuation in the value of either to make the existing ratios unequal, then to readjust the ratios so that the number of grains of either metal in the unit of coinage, the dollar, shall be equivalent in value, and then to permit the free, unrestricted coinage of both metals."

This is practically the silver policy out-lined by THE DISPATCH as the correct one. It is encouraging to find that the Democracy of the Northwest are so little affected by the cheap money heresies that they keep themselves clear of the Bland policy of reducing the dollar to 70 per

THE SMALLER TASK FIRST.

The possibility of making season forecasts of the weather is discussed by the New York Herald, with the result of reaching this profound conclusion: Much more may be achieved in this direc tion than is now conceived of if the tropical regions of the globe (in which all the grand movements of the atmosphere originate, were laid under observational tribute, and ocean going shipping also were more exten sively employed by climatologists for col lecting information bearing upon the prac-tical application of their science, and, apart from all theories of the agency of sun spots in terrestrial weather, it would be a gros blunder to overlook the possibility of ob-taining important clews for the better prediction of our seasons from the carnest and patient students of solar meteorology.

All of which is very fine and impressive ly in keeping with the Herald's assumption of especial wisdom on the subject of weather. Nevertheless, before "observational tribute" is laid on the tropics to permit forecasts of the weather for an entire season, it is pertinent to suggest that this tribute or something else should be turned on the present task of foretelling weather forty-eight hours in advance.

A week in which the patient weather bureau kept up the prediction "of severe storms" for this section without success, until it decreased its requirements and obtained a moderate meed of verification in the mild thunderstorm of Sunday, i not a good one in which to talk of turning the science of "solar meteorology" to the prediction of weather for an entire season

TRUTH AS TO THE COMBINATION. The whole story with regard to the anthracite coal combination was told in very few words by Frederick E. Saward, of the Coal Trade Journal, before the New York investigating committee, Mr. Saward cannot be accused of being prejudiced against the anthracite interests. It was to be supposed that a man in his position would be interested in glossing over

the facis; but he stated in succinct language the pivotal facts in the anthracite business which have been heretofore pointed out in these columns.

The combination of anthracite carriers, having the power to restrict production and shut off competition, would undoubt edly do so, according to Mr. Saward. cents on chestnut coal, and would further increase the price, especially at Western points. Fortunately, we may paranthetically remark, they cannot increase it any at Pittsburg, since it is already at a level which makes it a luxury. The factor at the bottom of the anthracite combination was pointed out by Mr. Saward in the fact that though the average freight rates on grain and merchandise had decreased to one-sixth their level twenty years ago, there had been no such decrease in the

freight charges on anthracite coal. This is the fact. The genesis of the anthracite combination was the effort to cent of its present value, and substitute in prevent competition from reducing freight

In Rhode Island the politician proposes

but Providence disposes. NEW JEESEY is a State of contrasts. Its Legislature has an undesirable reputation

for improbity, yet it has passed the best road-making law extant and one well worthy of adoption by other States. BAD food for soldiers is an excellent in-

entive to desertion.

SURELY in a country with immense areas paralyzed by famine it is strangely incongruous that the arrival of a relief cargo hould be celebrated by a grand and pre sumably expensive banquet.

THIS IS VERY HARD. How One Boston Editor Sizes Up the Penn

sylvania Senators. oston Herald.] It is not gratifying to learn that Matthew

S. Quay is making head way in his contest for re-election to the Senate from Pennsyl-vania, but it is not surprising. Mr. Quay's Republican competitor for the place is John Daizell, at present member of the House from the Pittsburg district. Mr. Dalzell is a man of personal force and mental ability. The latter trait is against him Pennsylvania has hardly had a statesmar in the Senate for 40 years unless he has con chosen by accident. She has developed few men of capacity for anything better than intrigue in either branch of Congress, and such as have appeared have been care fully kept out of the Senate. United State Senatorships there have been reserved for the Camerons and Quays, and, if they can' elect themselves, they usually succeed in

putting ciphers in their places. FAVORITES OF FAME.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER, the American poet, began life as a shoemaker. MR. CHARLES E. PUGH. General Manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has

been with that company for 25 years. THE late General Spinola was noted, when in Congress, for the bluntness with

which he rebuked any one who incurred his displeasure. MRS. JACKSON, the Confederate soldier's widow, is devoting all her time now to the education of her two motherless grandchildren, Julia and Jackson Christian.

MR. BLAINE'S house in Augusta, Me. is being repainted outside and in, and the neighbors look for the Secretary and his family for a few weeks' stay there before the cason opens at Bar Harbor. THE "K" in Mr. Jerome K. Jerome's

name stands for "Kiapka." He is not yet 32 years of age, and has been in his time a clerk, a schoolmaster, a shorthand writer, a reporter, an actor and a journalist.

Court to-day heard arguments on the ques-tion whether chartered clubs must take out liquor license. Decision was reserved. PEOPLE rarely hear nowadays of Emerson Bennett, yet he was widely known 20 years ago as a novelist, his "Prairie Flower" having reached a sale of 100,000 copies. He is a veteran of 70 and lives in Philadelphia.

Detroit Free Press.] POULTNEY BIGELOW, of New York, and Alas, poor Spreckels! We knew him not so well as we thought we did. The insatithe artist Remington will start in May on a cance trip from Berlin to the Baltic and St. able maw of the mighty sugar trust is now his abiding place. His sand yielded to sugar. Petersburg. The Emperor will permit Mr. Bigelow to fit out his cance at the Royal sta

tion at Potsdam. SIR ROBERT MORIER, Great Britain's Ambassador to Rassia, is one of the most powerful personalities, in the diplomatic service. He is popularly supposed to have been one of the causes that led to Bismarck's dismissal by his royal master.

MADAME MODJESKA, the famous actress ives on a ranch which lies at the foot of Santiago Peak, in California, 15 miles from a town or rallway. She is an enthusiastic farmer, and takes great pride in her live stock, of which she has a large number.

MAYOR STUART'S MESSAGE.

the United States Supreme Court in favor of the United States and azainst Eugene Lo-gan, Waggoner and Wallace, the three men He Reviews Philadelphia's Financial Caue:endants to the suit. The case came up under the conspiracy laws, and grows out of an assault upon four brothers named Marlow by an armed mob while the Mar-lows and two other prisoners were in the custody of a deputy marshal who was con-veying them to another county to prevent lynching. delendants to the suit. The case came up lamity and Quotes Interesting Figures. PHILADELPHIA, April 4-Mayor Stuart in his annual message says: "I was met at th commencement of my term of office with a financial calamity, such as none of my predecessors had ever experienced. In conse-quence the greater part of my first official year has been taken up with complications SECRETARY NOBLE to-day made an growing out of the condition of affairs in the order changing the site for the county seat Department of City Treasurer, under the incumbency of John Bardsley." The Mayor of county H, in the Cheyenne and Arapa reservation in Oklahoma Territory site first selected was found to be un

riefly reviews the complications arising from the ex-Treasurer's rascalties. "In my inaugural address I stated that if we expected the great improvements we so

desired we must have money, and much desired we must have money, and money in an amount considerably exceed-ing that which we have had in the past. On January 1, 1891, the funded debt was \$56,573,320 22; on January 1, 1892, the funded debt was \$56,70,320 22. This indebtedness will be reduced by the payment of \$2,741,500 of the 6 per cent loan, and of \$400,060 of the 4 per cent loan that matures this year. I had hoped to start upon the second year of my administration with greatly increased appropriations in order that many of the permanent improvements contemplated by me could have been commenced, but was met with a deficiency from the year 1891 of over half a million dollars. "To aid in making up this deficit, I had to permit \$73,513 53 to be charged off from the appropriations to the Department of Public Works for the year 1521 in order that there would not have to be returned to you all the appropriation bill for the year, that they could be scaled down, rearranged to come within the legal limit and be reappropriated. This deficit in addition to the sum of \$1,015. S\$4 \$0 which would otherwise have been money in an amount considerably exceed-THE House Committee on the Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River today held a meeting to consider the various bills that have been introduced to the House for the improvement of the river, and House for the improvement of the river, and the bill already passed by the Senate making an appropriation of between \$18,000,000 and \$19,000,000 for that purpose. The entire time of the meeting was taken up with discussion. No action was taken further than to author-ize the appointment by the Chairman of a sub-committee of three members to deal with the subject.

THE Senate in executive session to-day B. Hunt, Northern district of Fennsylvana; F. B. Hunt, Northern district of Texas. Post-masters: Olito-George Russell, Napoleon; C. P. Washburn, Delphos. Pennsylvania-A. K. Black, Harrisburg: D. L. Williums, Mc-Donald; J. H. Geary, Catawissa; J. C. Mc-Kean, Charleron be improved.

This deficit in addition to the sum of \$1,015,-\$34 80 which would otherwise have been available for this year is as follows: In Keystone National Bank, \$441,554 32: in Spring Garden National Bank, \$444,554 32: in and school fund, \$425,438 23, does not make a very encouraging outlook for the second year of my administration." THE President sent the following nomina tions to the Senate, to-day: Medica Director John Mills Browne, to be Surgeon Medical

Not the Only Thing Obstructing Carlisle,

Last evening the house was crowded, as usual. Press Eldridge, "The Poor Girl Didn't Know, You Know," pleased everybody. It's a pity that spe-cialty companies haven't more artists of the Eidridge class. Watson and Hutchings are a year lever comedy couple. Gallagher and tween Senator Carlisle and the Democratic omination.

the Eidridge class, watson and Antenings are a real clever comedy couple. Gallazher and West are passable. Faver and Sinciair, La-tona, Leslie and Collins. Trehibana and Ourne, the marvelous Japs and Price and Elmer all secured applause. Cyclops and Sandowe are in the company and they per-form their wonderful feats of strength. Cy-clops still defles the world. Lewis Landmesser, a resident of Wilkes-barre for the past half century, died at Atlantic, Ps., yesterday morning of heart failure. He was born at Spelssen, Prussia, 70 years ago and came to this country when guite young. During his life held many positions of trust and was one of the organizers of the Anthracite Bank of Wilkesbarre. He leaves mearly 100 acres of coal land which is estimated to be worth over half a million dollars. The deceased was the father of L. B. Landmesser, recently appointed postmaster of Wilkesbarre.

Jacob Schmastenberger.

of other amusing features kept the large audiences at Harry Davis' Museum enter-Jacob Schmastenberger, one of leading farmers of Stark county. O., and County Commis-sioner, died at his home, at Minerva, O., last night, aged 72. He was prominent in agricultural circles and a man of wealth and energy. He leaves a grown up family. tained yesterday. PROF. GLEASON'S engagement closes Friday hight at the Auditorium, and during the last four nights he will hundle five very vicious horses. To night he will break to ride and drive one of the mest vicious horses man ever attempted to handle. He is known as "the Broncho Bucker."

General James W. Singleton.

General James W. Singleton, died yesterday afternoon at Baltimore, aged 82 years. In 1865 President Lincoln intrasted General Singleion with a mission to Richmond, whither he went four times and conferred with Jefferson Davis and

answel att over the United States to the theatrical profession. From early manhood he has been manager of theaters and advance agent for com-panies. Mr. Barton presented Edwin Booth to the public when that great actor had attained the age of if years.

Moore, widely known under the nom de plume of the "Parses Merchant," died suddenly of conges-tion of the lungs in Charleston, S. C., Sunday, She was about 50 years old, and was born in Lon-don. Her husband died about a month ago. W. T. KLINE, Justice of the Peace and one of

The Century has taken up the fight for goad roads. All signs point to the conclusion that at the end of the century good roads will be fin de siecie, * leading Democratic politicians of Cumber-ty, died yesterday at Leesburg, aged 40 years. MBS. WELTHEA LITTLE SPRAGUE, widow of Hon. Seth Sprague. died at Duxbury, Mass., yester-day at the age of 103,

Ship Aboy at the Alvin. "Ship Aboy", Donnelly and Miller's clean, pretty and amusing burlets speared for the second time in this city at the Alvin Theater last evening. "Shih Aboy!" is really a farce-comedy with more pretense to musical excellence than is usually of-fered in such productions. It is like "Pina-fore" in make-up and is unlike it in being without design or object. It has the merit of being wholly pure in tone. The authors have succeeded in ar-ranging an amusing entertainment of the farce-comedy character without inculcating a single concer than can be said for many shows of the kind. The company is com-posed of very clever singers and actors. Ju-the simple melodious music of composer posed of very clever singers and actors. Jin the simple melodious music of composer Fred Miller, they had no difficulty in being hoth seen and heard to advantage. The famous and heauteous Louise Montazue sur-prised her Pittsburg friends by her spiendid singing. She is possessed of a good volce, somewhat limited in range, but extremely effective in the work required in this performance. Miss Florence Dunbar and Miss Annie Barrett are also quite clever, and made good impressions. Jesse Jenkins as *Ensign Toddles* did not display much ability as an actor, but proved possessed of a sweet, light baritone volce, which he used to advantage. The brunt of the work de-volves upon James E. Sullivan, who made a very amusing part of the sorely tried terial of which to make fence posts. It tells of a farm near Strode's mill, Chester county, fenced with this material 95 years ago the posts being still in good condition. They now support their 18th set of rails. -The pocket umbrella has not yet arrived, but a Florida negro was out in the

The Hustler at the Blion.

A crowded house at the Bilou, and that in

he face of the extremely warm weather of

Ship Ahoy at the Alvin.

rived, but a Fiornal negro was out in the rain a few days ago under a combination has and umbrella. It was his own manufacture, made of palmetto, and was about three feet in diameter. He walked about in a Fiorida downpour without getting wet at all. -Mail carriers in Morocco are said to volves upon James L. Suffixan, who hade operatic manager. Colonel Mopleson Mulberry. The scenery in "Ship Aboy" is quite good. The arrival of the White Squadron in Chesa-peake Bay and the deck of a sea vessei are avoid the risk of losing their places by over alseping by typing a string to one foot and setting the end of it on fire before going to sleep. The string, they know from experi-ence, will burn so long, and when the fire renches their foot it is time for them to get extremely pretty.

The Boomer at the Opera House,

"The Boomer" is a farce comedy of rather less than the usual coherency, and while there are amusing things in it, as a whole it s decidedly dull. The audience rendered this verdict by gradually fading away as the play progressed. Dan Packard and one or two others worked hard and achieved some humor, but "The Boomer" can hardly be said to have brought his boom along.

The Harris' Theater.

The Academy of Music.

tions on the road, but the "Meteors" have

variety that sustains an interest among the audience from start to finish of the pro-

Notes of the Stage.

The wonderful educated fleas and a host

aight at the Auditorium, and during the

Mayor Stewart Makes a Sweep.

Good Advice to the Domocrata

A Boston man has invented an electrical

machine to disperse fog. The Democrats should buy up the patent. It might help

them to clear up the fogs in which the party is now floundering looking for light on the

silver and the tariff.

wear rings, "unless they were judges, doc-tors or Senators." For all but these digni-A new play was given at this house yesterday, and judging from the applause that greeted it, "777" is a success. But judging nries such an unwarranted ornament was considered an evidence of "vanity, lascivi-consues and pride," and was looked upon as a great piece of presumption on the part, of the wearer. greeted it, "III" is a success. But judging the play on its merits is a different thing. It is a melodrama with an intricate plot, and, as a whole, is something beyond the capa-bility of the company in whose hands it has fallen. A.W.Fremont, the star, is interesting and Willis Jackson's *Poker Jim* is not bad, but there's not another character that couldn't be improved. -The earliest authentic account of lace is

about the sixth century, when high-born Italian nuns wrought it for the adornment Italian nuns wrought it for the adoriment of the sanctuary. Even before the English nuns were famed for the very open English work, wonderfully lacey in effect. Monks as well as nuns, give their minds to it. St, Dunstan himself did not think it derogatory. "Williams' and Orr's Meteors" are just the kind of specialty company that Pittsburgers like. Of course there are better combina-

to make designs for the convent workers. -In Pelham's "Collection of Travels" (1896), referring to one of the Pacific islands, mention is made of a woman who was seen shaving a child's head with a shark's tooth shaving a child's near share share was first wested with a rag dipped in water, and then, by a proper application of the in-strument, she completed the business as effectually as if a razor had been employed.

JINGLES AND JOKELETS.

Miss Giddy-I wonder what kind of weapons the ancient Amazons fought with? Prof. Crabbe-Gin, powder and a bang, 1 fancy-ust like their modern sisters.-Judge.

Quite penniless the bard expired. His creditors all sighed "His odes have ever made us tired, And yet in debt he died." - Washington Size.

"So he rose from poverty to wealth? Is

he very rich?" "Rich! He is almost rich enough to buy a titled husband for his daughter. - Jacksoneille Times.

Chappie-What are you going to do, now hat she has thrown you overboard?" Cholly-Cawn't say: you don't suppose my man yould be willing to commit suicide, do you?-Nuo

York Herald "This kiss you give to me, dear Lil."

Declared the lover true, "Shall never leave my lips until I give it back to you.

That very night at the church fair He paid a dollar fee For entrance to the vestry where

They held a "kissing bee." New York Frees.

In the primary school the other day the

scholars were required to tell, in their own words, iomething about the elephant. Little Flossie, in her turn, stood up and said: "The pludiage of the elephant is brown."-Fuck.

Short and sharp is his fondly kiss, As he leaves his Mary Jane, He plants it a in hit or miss And runs for the earliest frain.

-Joliet Herald

Mrs. Wyckoff-Thomas! You never told ne you were married before! Ah, men are de-neivers ever; they say that even Adam had a first

wife. Mr. Wyckoff-So he did; but it was his second wife that raised Cain, -Smith, Gray Co,'s Monthly.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4 .- Mayor Stuart to day announced a clean sweep in the Board of Directors of the Department of Charities **Obltuary** Notes. THADDEUS J. BARTON died Sunday at his home in Baltimore, aged 70 years. Mr. Barton was well known all over the United States to the theatrical profession. From early manhout he theatrical and Correction, appointing an entirely new board. The new officials are ex-Select Councilman James A. Freeman, President; John Hug;ard, ex-Chairman of the Guar-dians of the Poor; William B. Gardner, ex-President of the Gas Trust; Major William H. Lambert, General Agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Alfred Moore.

MRS. AMELIA MOORE, widow of Joseph S. Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

SECRETARY NOBLE to-day rendered a de cision in the case of Wontel Grant against the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, in Lewis Landmesser. which he holds in favor of Grant. The land

Lewis Landmesser, a resident of Wilkes

AT the World's Museum the heat didn't prevent large audiences from looking at the giant and a clever variety performance in the theater.

involved is located near the city of Sporane Falls, State of Washington, and is said to be very valuable. The case has been before the department for nine years. SENATOR PERKINS to-day reported : proposed amendment to the District of Columbia appropriation bill, making an appropriation of \$75,000 to enable the Enter-tainment Committee of the G. A. R. encamp-ment next September to properly provide for the comfort and pleasure of the veter-

General and Chiet of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, with rank of Commodore. Commodore James A. Greer to be a Rear Admiral. Captain Henry Erben to be a Commodore. Captain Thomas E. Rose, Six-teenth Infantry, to be Major. Chicago News.] The Ohio river is not the only thing be