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AGAINST OVERHEAD WIRES.

The announcement that an ordinance has been prepared under the direction of the Mayor and the Chief of the Department of Public Safety for the removal of all overhead wires below Grant street, is welcome news. The felicitations over the promised reform may be somewhat dampened by the recollection that an equally positive promise was made about two years ago, that the same work should be done within a year. But one failure to make the performance equal to the pledge is no reason why the effort should not be repeated.

The time given by the proposed ordinance for the removal of telegraph, telephone and electric light wires is two years. This shows a willingness to give the companies plenty of time for doing their work, a course which is all right in theory. But in practice it will be found to result in the corporations doing little or nothing in the way of absolute removal during the two years' grace, and trusting either to the non-enforcement of the ordinance, when the time is up, or to their ability to gain further delay by fighting. When this has been the experience of every other city that has tried to rid itself of the overhead wire incubus, it appears as it fixing the date for actual removal a year hence would begin work a year sooner than is proposed.

But aside from these criticisms the fact that the city government is committing itself even to a gradual process of removing the wires is very gratifying. The safety of our buildings in cases of fire is threatened by the wire nuisance; the appearance of the streets is marred by the rows of masts and the network of wires. The danger from the crossing of electric light wires with others cannot be ignored. The removal of the disfigurement and hazard is a work in which the city officials can rely on the support of the pub-

The reports concerning the forthcoming ordinance do not tell what is to be dene with the problem of the trolley wires; but it is nermitted to hope that by the time the other electric wires are disposed of a solution will be found by which the trolley disfigurement can go under ground with them.

perience how much the saving overbalances the cost. The proposed road exhibit at the World's Fair will be a great object lesson; but the most complete conviction will be secured by providing in each agricultural section a mile or two of good road at a cost which will permit its extension all over the country.

WHAT TO WORK FOR.

The Chamber of Commerce had an infurtherance of political ideas. teresting communication before it yesterday advocating increased railroad facilities with the Upper Monongahela valley and stating that such would secure the tions proposes to make a general reduccity \$1,000,000 worth of new trade annution of the salaries of government emally. This is a matter deserving ployes. This is a pettyfogging false econthe Chamber's efforts to influence omy which does not economize. National servants should be well paid in order to the officials of the two railroads concerned. The same letter asserts attract and secure the services of able that there is no constitutional authority men. But while officials are appointed for the payment of river tolls on interby partisan considerations it matters little whether they be paid liberally or with State transportation, and the money and interests involved should lead to a decision stint. of the question on a test case. Then the Chamber endorsed the Mississippi River dependent on efficiency and integrity improvements, as requested by the Comwould go much further toward economy mission having them in charge, and this than any amount of salary pruning. Far was a wise action as showing a sympathy greater savings can be secured for the nawith the improvement of internal water-

tion by changing the requirements for an officeholder from narrow political associa-tions to broad business abilities than by wavs. As for the request to the Chamber by the California State Nicaragua Canal any amount of reduction in appropria-Commission that it should send a delegate tions. The amount of money paid is of infinitely less importance than the nature to the Nicaragua Canal Convention to be of services secured in return. held at St. Louis, the best thing our commercial representatives can do is to show KENNEDY is now Mayor of Allegheny. their extreme disapproval of this scheme to mulct the national treasury for the benefit His inauguration may or may not mark the beginning of a continuous efficient adminof private speculators in the strongest istration. The matter depends simply on manner possible. THE DISPATCH has the attentive support of the citizens. time and again explained the fraudulence of this attack on national credit, HOWEVER Dr. Parkhurst's methods may and the Chamber of Commerce has plenty be found fault with, the alleged action of the of home work to attend to without enter-Tammany manipulators in straining all their resources in an effort to catch him

ing into the Nicaragua scheme except to signify an unmistakable opinion against the audacious claims of the promoters of the work. There are important directions in which

the Chamber of Commerce will find ample field for all its energies, and the nearer home it keeps them the better it will do its work. No effort should be spared to rouse Pittsburg's merchants and manufacturers to extend their commercia horizon and make far larger attempts to compete with outsiders and seek trade instead of waiting for orders to come to them as they now do. Then, too, the Ohio River and Lake Erie Canal should receive every particle of pushing that it can get, and it pre-eimently demands the help and assistance of our Chamber of Commerce.

CORROBORATING CRITICISM.

forlorn when stripped of their wire festoons An evening cotemporary takes decided But the blow will be borne with equanimity, exception to the comparison made by THE as the process of denudation is to extend DISPATCH of the relative growth of exover a period o: two years, and citizens will penditures and exports. Yet its criticism thus become gradually accustomed to the absence of their sky-lines with all their melts into corroboration when it declares: grace and beauty. "As a matter of fact the comparison instituted by THE DISPATCH is absurd. Exports are not income and they sustain no relation to government expenditures, which can be made the basis of comparifashions SOR.'

Just so. Our esteemed cotemporary during absences from sessions of the House, except when occasioned by personal or famfails to perceive the fact that THE DIS-PATCH held that the comparison was not founded in reason. THE DISPATCH did not institute the comparisor. The person who did institute the comparison was that eminent gentleman, Major William McKinthat Piatt is a deal more interested in him self than in making a deal with Harrison. ley, in his speech to the Ohio Republican Convention. It was for lugging in such a comparison that THE DISPATCH deemed him guilty of sophistry. After that Republican leader had insti-

On the assumption that the presence of Congressmen at the Capitol is necessary for the transaction of the country's business, the nation should be duly thankful that tuted this comparison it was pertinent to point out, that while appropriations are race meetings at Bennings are by no means nearly three times what they were twenty so perpetual as at Guttenburg. years ago, exports have only doubled; and, FLAGS caused trouble in Chicago streets

DISPATCH. TUESDAY. THE PITTSBURG MAY 3, 1892.

THE BAKER LAW ALL RIGHT.

sown by the repressive tendency of the

Now that France is cursed by Anarch-

ist crimes it must stamp them out by

severe measures. But her statesmen will

do wisely to remember that the surest

way to prevent its new growth will be to

maintain such a freedom of discussion

that simplest minds will recognize the ab-

surdity of resort to secret crimes for the

NOT THE BIGHT WAY.

The House Committee on appropria-

A little reform to make officeholding

tripping and secure his arrest is a far more

liscreditable proceeding. That the vice is

there, and that it is connived at by officials

paid to suppress it, cannot be denied by any

sane and honest person. And the bitter op-

position aroused among the politicians who

make public appointments for partisan and

corrupt purposes goes a long way in the ex-

cuse of those who are endeavoring to secure

lecency by means that are of doubtful mo

rality and certain unconventionality. For

sites and privileges have received a severer

blow than would otherwise have been possi-

matic representatives abroad.

of suitable certificates to order.

IT is becoming platitudinarian to say

ble.

ows that in this way dishonest perqui-

Second Empire.

Pennsylvania's Supreme Court Says It's Constitutional-It Does Not Disfranchise Voters Belonging to the Smaller Partics-It Merely Regulates the Official Ticket.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2 .- A decision was rendered to-day by the Supreme Court, sus-taining the constitutionality of the Baker ballot reform law, passed by the last Legis-lature. The cases upon which the decision was based were those of De Walt, appealed from the Philadelphia courts; M from the Lebanon County Court, and Ripples, from the Lackawanna County Court, and Rip-ples, from the Lackawanna County Court. The opinion, delivered by Chief Justice

Paxson, is, in brief, as follows: "Each of the above cases is an appeal from the refusal of the learned Judge below to grant a preliminary injunction. The object of the respective bills was to test the con stitutionality of the act of Assembly approved on the 19th day of June, 1891, entitled: 'An act to regulate the nomination and election of public officers, requiring cer-tain expenses incident thereto to be paid by

the several counties and certain other ex penses to be paid by the Commonwealth, and punishing, certain offenses in regard to such elections.'

"It is proper to be observed at this point that the bill in each case asks us to dee the entire act unconstitutional. While certain sections of it have been especially criticised, the litigation is directed against the act as a whole. Were we to declare the sections thus criticised unconstitutional, the act, thus emasculated, would be of little use even if the remainder of it could be enforced. The Motive for the Various Tests.

"There is no doubt of the power of the Legislature to regulate elections. Abundance

sary. The test is, whether such legislation denies the franchise or renders its exercise so difficult and inconvenient as to amount to a denial. The act provides for a secret ballot. That is manifestly its main purpose,

and it is in entire harmony with Article I, Section 5 of the Constitution, which declares that, 'elections shall be free and equal.' "The framers of the act in question have evidently reached the conclusion that the only adequate guarantee of free and equal only adequate guarantee of free and equal elections, within the letter and spirit of the Constitution, is absolute secrecy. They have, therefore, provided for a secret ballot. "The ground of complaint, as set forth in De Walt's appeal, is not that the act denies the freedom of voting in its practical oper-ation and destroys the constitutionality and uniformity by discrimination against some voters in favor of others, notwithstanding that all of them are equal under the Consti-tution; that instead of dealing with the electors in the relation which each stands to one body, and that body the State, the act reats of the voters as they are divided into political parties by their voluntary choice, and it then confers upon the voters of some political parties by their voluntary choice, is, under the prohibition and penalities of the act to the voters are less numerous, thus making numbers in political association the basis for conferring on some voters the free-dow, the quality and the uniformity assured to evoters. lections, within the letter and spirit of the

STORIES from Washington exhibit a spirit of belligerence among Congressmen private life which should render them eminently fitted for promotion as our diplo

PITTSBURG's streets will look strangely others.

This contention is plausible but unsound The act does not deny to any voter the exercise of the elective franchise because he happens to be a member of a party which at the last general election polled less than three per cent of the entire vote cast. The provision referred to is but a regulation, and we think a reasonable one, in regard to the printing of tickets. The use of official bal ots renders it absolutely necessary to make

lots renders it absolutely necessary to make some regulations in regard to nominations, in order to ascertain what names shall be printed on the ballots. "The right to vote can only be exercised by the individual elector. The right to nom-inate, flowing necessarily from the right to vote, can only be exercised by a number of voters acting together. It follows, if an of-ficial ballot is to be used, nominations must be regular in some way, otherwise the be regular in some way, otherwise the cheme would be impracticable, and the of icial ballot become the size of a blanket. "While so regulating it, the act carefully preserves the right of every citizen to vot or any candidate whose name is not on th official ballot, and this is done in a manne

SINGING FOR CHARITY.

cal Fair-Gossip of Society.

the Benefit of the Allegheny General

Hospital-German Protestant Evangeli-

THE Alvin Theater was comfortably filled

ast night when the curtain rolled upon the

terious words upon the wall. The story is

one of the most striking and dramatic in the

Old Testament, and lends itselt very easily

to stage representation and beautiful music.

work. The cantata is well mounted, the scenery

cenefit of the Aged Colored Women's Home

will be held to-day and to-morrow at La

fayette Hall. No pains have been spared to

make the affair a success and two pleasant

days are assured. A substantial dinner, in-cluding all the delicacies of the season, will

THE fair under the auspices of the con

tions. The ladies who have been working

hard for the last three months have reason

to say that their work has borne good fruit,

for certainly the big hall, around which so

many patriotic memories cling, never

looked brighter or prettier than it did last

night, when the fair was in full swing.

the Fatherland, was liberally used in deco

rating the hall and one booth and stand

that of Mrs. M. Stuckey showed the black,

The icecream stands, flower booths

supper arrangements are in charge of the indies of the Smithfield street church. The

Manchester congregation, under the super-intendence of Mrs. Elizabeth Schwartz, is in

Stucky leads the Birmingham congregation. Mrs. A. Hoffman, of Millvale borough, has

AT a meeting of the Women's Industrial

Social Chatter,

MR. JAMES IEWIN, of Bellevue, left yester day for a trip through California.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY L. CHILDS and their son Clinton will take up their residence this

Miss NELLIE DUNCAN and Mrs. Page enter-ained the Linden Euchro Club last evening

This evening Madame Constance Howard

will give the second of the series of her lec-ture-recitals at the Pennsylvania College for Women in the East End.

This commencement exercises of the Monongihela High School will take place this evening in the Opera House. The grad-nates include 12 girls and 1 young man.

DRAYTON NOT A RICH MAN.

Ewing; Con

itors to the fair.

on Clinton will take u week at the Kenmawr.

n a charming manuer.

yesterday under the most flattering

He Says He Knows Personally That England Sends Convicts to America.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA'S LATEST.

NEW YORK, May 2 .- The sub-committee of the joint Senate and House Committee Immigration continued its Ellis Island investigation to-day. Colonel Weber, the Superintendent of Immigration at Ellis first act of the dramatic cantata, "Bel Island, produced the seconds with regard to the reports he had of the landing of the passengers of the steamship Massilia. Colonel Weber admitted that some immigrants eswas given for the benefit of the Allegheny that the performance would be very good, was enough to draw a large audience, made caped from the steamship docks before they were landed at Ellis Island. He said it is up of the representative people of the two impossible, with the present force of emcities, and there is no reason to suppose that they were disap-pointed last night. The performance went with remarkable smoothness for a first ployes and the present arrangements with the steamship companies, to entirely prevent suppose this. During Colonel Weber's examination, pointed O'Donovau Rossa sent up a note to Senator Chandler, in which he said: night, the effect of careful rehearsals being seen throughout. The cantata follows pretty closely the Biblical story of the wicked Bel-"England associated me with her convict-

ed thieves and burglars. I talked daily with them. Their destination after their time in prison was served was America. England sent them under escort of prison guards from the prison to the ships sailing for America."

America." Ex-Heaith Offleer Smith, who had been heaith offleer ior the past 12 years, until a few months ago, was next culled. He was in charge of the offlee when the Massilia's pas-sengers arrived, but did not make the exam-ination himself. Dr. Skinner, one of his deputies, made the examination. After Dr. Skinner's report to him he was satisfied that no physician could determine at that time, when no cases of sickness were report-ed to him, whether there was any typhus on heard on the fact that the disease did not ed to him, whether there was any typhus or board, and the fact that the disease did no ambitions stage production, as well as a tuneful exposition of the story of the Babydevelop for a long time afterward confirmed him in that opinion. lonian king. The costumes, no doubt histori-cally correct, are fauciful and bright, and are

THE OLDEST MAN ON EARTH.

Spanlard Living Near Mexico Who Say He Has Lived 154 Years.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 2 .- Probably the oldest person on earth is to be found in the outskirts of this city. Jesus Campeche lives in a hut with his great-great-grandson who is a full grown man. Campeche cam originally from Spain where he says he was born in 1738, which would

he was born in 1738, which would make him now 154 years old. He has the appearance of being about 99 years old and is lairly active for an old man. He shows papers to bear out his assertion as to his age and birth and the man with whom he is living says there is no doubt as to the relationship he bears to the old man. Campeche says that he has never known a day's sickness in his life. He says he remembers coming to this

known a day's sickness in his life. He says he remembers coming to this country when he was 25 years old as a sol-dier and that was long before the War of the Revolution in the United States. The old man's memory is good and he tells of things which took place the last century as if they had occurred last year instead of over 100 years ago. In fact he remem-bers things 75 and 100 years ago better than he does those of recent occurrence. The bers things is and it years ago better than he does those of recent occurrence. The papers which he carries to prove his asser-tions are the copies of a church register in Validolid, Spain, showing his date of birth and that of his baptism. The papers are un-doubtedly genuine, as far as the dates are concerned and the only thing to be de-termined is whether they are rightfully his or not.

A CORRESPONDENT DEFENDED.

Wakeman's Pen Picture of the Polish Nobility True and Real. To the Editor of The Dispatch.

In yesterday's Leader 1 found a contribu tion of Mr. Charles Bozenta Chlapowski, the husband of the famous actress, Modjeska. This gentleman, a Polish nobleman himself, denies in his article, "the authenticity of the facts quoted" by your correspondent, Mr. Wakeman, in his letter from Cracow,

cluding all the delicacies of the season, will be served each day from 1:50 a. x. to 3 r. x. There will also be fee cream and refresh-ment tables, one in charge of the Plissburg hadies and the other in charge of Allegheny badies. There will be fancy. domestic, and china and glassware tables, elocolate stands, orange tree, and floral booth, and a May-pole drill. The music will be turnished by the Iron City Dand. The Committee of arrangements is composed of Mrs. D. S. Richards, Mrs. E. Hawkins, Mrs. E. Johason, Miss S. Maloney, Mrs. S. Dorser, Mrs. E. Cain, Mrs. Kate Strothers, Miss S. Delaney, Mrs. M. Allen and Mrs. C. Stinson. Galicia. (DISPATCH, April 24.) Born in Cracow and having been an editor of a Polish paper in that city, I know its peo ple and am as familiar with the way things are going on there as an editor of a Pitts burg paper is famillar with what concerns Pittsburg. From all I have learned, seen and experienced since my childhood, I can assure you that the picture presented by your correspondent, especially as much as it oncerns the character of the Polish nobility and the way the Hebrews are treated is con rect, true and real, while the "defense" of Mr. Charles Bozenta Chlapowski is far from and real, while the "defense" of Bunting of various colors, but generally embodying those to be found in the flag of

being based on reality. ARTHUR AMEISEN. PITTSBURG, May 2.

MORRISON COMPLIMENTS BOYER.

red and yellow of Germany entwined with the red, white and blue of the United The New State Treasurer Well Pleased

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. The Cantata of Belshazzar at the Alvin for

-There will be 53 Sundays in 1892. -Of the foreign merchants in China, only 27 are Americans.

-Nearly 40,000 men desert from the German army every 12 months.

-The choir of the Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City is 300 strong. shazzar." The fact that the entertainment -China, with all her 400,000,000 people, ral Hospital, as well as the expectation

has only 40 miles of railroad. -The pendulum was first attached to

the clock in 1656 by Huygner. -It is said that more money is spent for eggs than for flour in the United States.

-The average amount of each life insur-

ance policy in the United Kingdom is \$2,300. -One pound of cork is amply sufficient to support a man of ordinary size in the water.

hazzar, who laid his sacrilegions hands -The pressure of the atmosphere on the upon the holy vessels from Jerusalem, and man of average stature is about 15 tons, yet who was warned of the approaching down-fall of Babylon by a hand that wrote mysit is not felt.

-Nine English sovereigns began and ended their reigns on the same day of the week.

-The tallest and shortest people in Europe, the Norwegians and the Laps, live side by side.

Butterfield's cantata is considered to be the best version of the story of "Belshazzar" to -It takes eight times the strength to go be found outside of the Bible, and the music upstairs that is required for the same dis-tance on a level. that has been wedded to the fairly good poetry is nearly all of a notable character. As given at the Alvin, "Belshazzar" is an

-The Columbia, with its vast schools of salmon, has yielded more wealth than any river in the world.

-A town in Florida has abolished an ancient ordinance forbidding the hallooing of snakes in the streets.

lonian king. The costumes, no doubt histori-cally correct, are fanciful and bright, and are worn generally with grace by the large num-ber taking part. Mr. W. S. Weeden, as the *King*, is a noble figure, from whom might be expected the herole sentiments that are given in his deep baritone. He was in good volce last night, and carried his rather try-ing part apparently without difficulty. Mrs. J. Sharp McD maid, as *Autonia*, looked queenly and sang with her old sweetness and expression. E ise Warren, as *Nilocria*, Queen Rezent, was good, and Mr. John A. Strouss, sang and acted well as *Daniel*, the prophet. Mr. Morris Stevens and Miss Edith Harris, as *Zerubbabel*, and *Shelamith* respectively, are deserv-mr of special mention, as is Miss L. Mittie Weeden as the *Angel*. Clever little Alice Kober as *Mgra* is different from the average child actress, in that she acts intel-ligently instead of like a parrot. She is a pleasung feature of the entertainment. The chorus is very strong and well trained, and its work hast night was distinguished by its precision and certainty of attack. There was nothing suggestive of amateurs in its work. The cantata is well mounted, the scenery -China has 419,000 square miles of coalfields, or more than 20 times the aggregate of the carboniferous strata in Europe.

-There exists in Chicago an organization called the Manasseh Society, in which mem-bership is restricted to colored men with white wives.

-The baya bird of India ingeniously illuminates its nest. It catches fire-flies, and, without killing them, with moist clay sticks them to its nest. On a dark night the bava's nest is like a bright beacon.

-The new Parisian fashion in stockings is made with separate compartments for each toe. This is said to be a sure cure for corns, which are caused by the rubbing of the skin against that of the neighboring toe.

-It is said that in Russia children are not allowed to go from home to school un-less subblied with passports for that pur-pose. Even servants going from one em-ployer to another are obliged to have pass-

The cantant is well mounted, the scenery and costumes being looked to as carefully as the music itself. Judging by the applause that greeted the performance last night, it was entirely satisfactory to the audience, and there is listle doubt that the attendance will be large all the week, to the great pecuniary benefit of the Allegheay General Hospital. -The Guadaloune bees lay their honey in bladders of wax about as large as a pigeon's egg, and not in combs. The bees have no stings, are small, and of a black color. The boney is of the oily consistency, and never hardens. THE annual May fair and festival for the

-A skeleton in the Museum of Trinity College, Dublin, is 8 feet 6 inches in height, and that of Charles Byrne in the Museum of the College of Surgeons, London, is 8 feet 4 inches. The tallest living man is Chang-ta-Sing, the Chinese giant. His height is 8 feet 3 inches.

-Helgoland is to be made a harbor of refuge for fishing vessels, and is being fortifled heavily. The island is to be a scientific station, the German Government having erected inborntories there for the study of marine zoology, and especially of the econ-omic history of food fishes.

-An English manufacturer, while examining the texture and quality of some bandages found on a mummy, was astonished to find that the arrangement of the threads was exactly like that which he had patented a few months before, and which he had sup-posed to be an independent invention of his

gregations of the German Protestant Evan-gelical Churches, in Old City Hall, opened -In Hindostan the marriage ceremony is condi

short and simple, and no courting precedes it. The arrangements are all made by the It. The arrangements are all made by the friends or relatives of the principals. When the bride and groom are brought together, in many cases they see each other for the first time. The bride playfully skips toward him and seats herself beside him. The priest ties a corner of the bride's veil to the groom's shawl, and they are man and wife.

-"Seven years without a birthday," was the record of a Scottish clergyman who died nearly 30 years ago. A similar line of missnearly 30 years ago. A similar line of misa-ing dates is soon to return; and indeed there are no doubt some readers of this pare who will have only one birthday to celeprate for nearly 12 years to come. The solut on of the puzzle is to be found in the fact, which does not appear to be widely known, that the year 1800 was not a leap year and 1900 will not be.

"Minority Voters Not Disfranchised.

BUDS are bursting on the trees, and the city's fire hose bursting in the streets is entirely in harmony with nature's Spring

SHOULD Congressmen be deprived of pay ily sickness, the medical faculty would have a remunerative opening in the manufacture

which does not impose any unnecessary in convenience on the voter. The actual er forcement of the act will test this, as well as

of authority might he cited were it neces

THE FIRE AND ITS ISSUES.

The Chief of the Department of Public Safety makes a statement that the delay in getting to work at the Liberty street fire was caused by people in the building, where the fire started, first trying to put it out themselves, and then sending in an alarm by telephone. This statement, if substantiated, will relieve the department from the charge of tardiness in answering the alarms: but it does not afford any guarantee that such vital delays may not be repeated in future. The fact that there was a sudden and threatening fire was well known in the vicinity for some time before the alleged sending in of the alarm. Officers subject to the direction of the Depariment of Public Safety were within a few hundred feet of the fire. Should not the facts suggest the importance of regulations to insure that alarms are sent in promptly?

It is also stated that an agent of the company supplying hose is in the city for of forty to fifty names; and while this the purpose of investigating the facts with regard to the bursting of hose during the fire. The need of an investigation is undoubted; but it is self-evident that the findings will be much more satisfactory, if conducted under some other authority than that of the contractor who furnished the hose.

THE OBSTACLE OF CONSERVATISM. A recent article in the Country Gentleman points out that the greatest obstacle to the improvement of country roads is the intense conservatism of the farming population itself. This they chose in the interim? was illustrated by a recent case in Dutchess county, New York, in one of the towns of which county the question of changing the system in vogue was voted down by more that four to one. A road reform bill in Connecticut is meeting with the solid opposition of the farming inter-

est, and in Pennsylvania the same obstacle has made itself manifest in more ways have been paid by the Court. than one. This rather thick-beaded determination

of the farmers to adhere to the old system, or rather lack of system, is one of the peculiarities of the situation. It is manifest, moreover, that the actual work of the reform cannot be commenced in earnest until the farming interests are converted to its support. We cannot drive the agricultural districts into accepting good roads, both because that sturdy class is likely to refuse to be driven, and because benefits forced on any person or community against their wills lose half their beneficial character. The only road to success lies in convincing the farmers that their interests will be greatly enhanced by the introduction of solid, lasting and smooth roads.

Fortunately the Dutchess county example illustrates how this can be done. In that case the village people, by the help of the labor vote, passed an appropriation to purchase a stone-crusher. Since then, for three years, about \$2,000 a year has been expended in putting broken stone on the most traveled road. The in autocratic Russia. It may seem a consequence is that, finding a road smooth and solid at all seasons of the year, the ists are active in the French Republic; but farmers' opposition to the improvement is being converted into support.

public has refrained from repressive This indicates the way to convert the farmers. Let them see and drive over a democracy, while the real seeds of the first hall of this month. This may road of the best kind and learn by ex- small anarchist growth in France were prove cause for rejoicing in good weather.

as compared with 1881, the exports have increased about seven per cent, while apbeen raising the dust in Pittsburg. propriations have doubled.

ciare it unconstitutional.

is a maximum, it recurs in equal

magnitude for every four years.

The law allows the voter whose chosen

NOT A RESULT OF FREEDOM.

mistaken liberty which has been extended

by past administrations to the teaching of

such doctrines, on the plea of liberty of

speech and the press. Such a view shows

that M. Loubet has not intelligently studied

the conditions under which anarchy

Anarchy cannot be attributed either to

the liberty of speech or liberty of the press.

Where there is free discussion its spread is

impossible. The secret nature marks it as

the natural means of fighting the repres-

sive policy of absolutism. The most con-

clusive evidence on this point is that it

does not originate in lands where the lib-

erty of the press and of speech is the great-

est but where they are the least. It takes

no root in England or the United States.

but attains its most universal development

contradiction of this rule that the Anarch-

we must remember that not even the Re-

flourishes.

A remark of M. Loudet, the French

THE BILLOT LAW CONSTITUTIONAL.

the new mining town is in danger of liqui-The Supreme Court sustains the constidation. But Wall street, New York, is so tutionality of the ballot reform law, taking much accustomed to the presence of water that a veritable deluge would hardly be the ground that the failure to provide a place on the official ballot for parties havnoticeable. ing less than three per cent of the total THERE was no ball game here yesterday, vote is not a disfranchisement. This is but, weather permitting, one nine will have supported by the obvious assertion that the chance to lose to-day. voters of that party can write in the names. Of the allegation that the time allowed is CLEVELAND has a something solid to fall

not sufficient for the average voter to perback on in the New York Life Insurance form that task, the Court says that this Company, which does much to demonstrate cerity in stating that he would have can be tested by actual experience, and no disappointment if November decided that by this light many particulars may be gainst him. found in which the act should be amended but which do not make it necessary to de-THE most striking feature of Presidental

lightning is that it kills the aspirants On such a point as this it appears that whom it does not strike. common sense might, perhaps, make the waiting for actual experiment unneces-

THE season is now beginning when it behooves young men to be gallant in offers sary. At the next election in Pennsylof soda water and ice cream, and when vania the voter will have to vote for 32 maidens should exercise sufficient self-con Presidental electors, besides State and trol to avoid hinting that they like such local officers, making a possible ticket things.

> WITH the approach of summer the sweat ing system is again urgently demanding attention.

candidates are not on the printed list In spite of his counsel's efforts to prove three minutes in which to write out these that his mind was diseased, and that he was forty or fifty names. It seems possible for therefore irresponsible for his crimes, Deem the Court to have expressed an opinion ing will in all probability be entirely de whether the average voter can perform eased at the bands of the law before long.

that task in the stated time with the SLEEPLESSNESS is common just now, as necessary care for the correctness of each the vegetation makes so much noise in name. It is that the Legislature can, if it shooting. chooses, amend this particular. But will that remedy the practical disfranchisement

WILKINSBURG will show its wisdom to of those who are prevented from voting as day by voting for an increase of its indebt dness to provide a sewerage system. This As to the point raised by Hon. C. F. is the kind of expenditure which is the best Black, that the whole law is in conflict sort of economy when properly managed.

with the right guaranteed by the Constitu-ECONOMY calls for an audit whether in tion of every voter who chooses to have his Pittsburg or elsewhere down the Ohio. ballot attested by a citizen of the district, that does not appear to have been passed COLONEL ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD'S sud

upon. It may not have been raised in the en prominence, as an aspirant for second case under review, but is so very cogent a place on the Republican national ticket, ap point that some attention to it ought to pears to be more indicative of the necessity for campaign funds than anything else.

AN Ice Trust is a nice freeze-out for th consumers.

Premier, has been widely quoted in this A BLACK DAVID IN CHICAGO. country to the effect that the present Anarchist crimes in France are due to the

Ar rayed as a Priest, he Takes Possession a Church During Services.

CHICAGO, May 2.- The people who worship n St. Anne's Catholic Church, at Garfield boulevard and Wentworth avenue, were treated to something out of the ordinary vesterday. After the services, and while the congregation was dispersing, a colored man, wearing the garb of a priest, a long black gown and crucifix, with a peculiarly shaped hat surmounted by a cross, appeared

front of the church, and in a loud voic id that he was David, and consequently son of God. The negro at once commenced a sermon, saying that he had been sent there to save the people of the church from the torments of hell; that they must listen and do as he had there for he would was hear the bid them, for his word was law. harangue was cut short when a police The cor pushed his way through the crowd and seized the man. Protesting vigorously scized the man. Protesting vigorously against such treatment, he was sent to the Englewood police station. There he gave his name as Ferdinand Schulter. He in-

pose of bringing man and woman to a prope realization of thlugs. Prophecies Go by Contraries

sisted that he had been created for the pur

'olego Commercial.] measures toward the radical element of The prophets predict much foul weather

many other matters connected with its o ation. It is, at least, probable that w tested by experience it will be found to c tain many features that will need revis and amendment. This can be safely left the Legislature, and is no reason why should declare the act unconstitutional. on Sunday, but it is their absence that has WALL STREET, Creede, 18 flooded and

The Ballot Law Is General. "The only specification of error in the

Ripples appeal, is that the court below erred n refusing to grant the preliminary in unction asked for. The principal ground of contention in this, as in Meredith's appeal is that the act in question is a local and special law, and, therefore, in contradiction of the Constitution. It was alleged to be special and local legislation because it does not apply to any one of the citles of the Com-monwealth: whose boundaries are not co-extensive with the county. If the act were salleged, we would be compelled to de lare the act unconstitutional. An examina tion of it, however, does not satisfy us that it does not apply to every portion of the State. Its language is general and applies to all public offices, whether in counties, cities,

State. I object of the second state of the sec with the expectation of the people, they will

Perhaps He Shot a Scareptow Chicago Times.]

sweep it away."

There seems reason to suspect that Mr. Milbank has shot some humble farme hard-working scarecrow.

FAVORITES OF FORTUNE

HENRY IRVING is at work again after short indisposition, caused by cold and oss of voice. DR. E. U. EMERSON, the son of Ralph

Waldo Emerson, is lecturing in Massachu setts on Thoreau. Young Ralph Ingalls is his father over

again in attenuation of figure, as well as in loquence and in readiness of retort. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN, whose condition since his return from Monte Carlo has

greatly alarmed his friends, is better. THE announcement is made that Captain Albert Carstairs, of the Royal Irish Rifles will marry Fanny, daughter of Mr. Bostwick of New York.

JUSTICE M. V. MONTGOMERY, of Michi-gan, who was appointed by President Cleveland to the bench of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has resigned his position.

SENATOR BLACKBURN is credited with being the readiest of Congressional speakers. He carries at his tongue's end a vocabulary which is remarkable for its range and

In less than a year General Schofield will have reached the age of retirement from active military service, for he is now 68; and few months later General O. O. Howard will be eligible for the retired list.

MR. PAYNE, the Chicago Fair Commisioner, has left the City of Mexico for Chicago, where, as manager of a Western manufacturers' syndicate, he will devote his energies toward promoting trade with Mexico.

MES. DANDRIDGE and Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, widow of Henry Johnson, of Baltimore, are the only survivors of the long line of distinguished women who presided over the White House previous General Grant's term.

MARUITS WAGON VAVOORT, Dutch journalist and novelist, whose pen name is "Vosmeer de Spie," started from Holland last Saturday to make a tour of the United

States. He will be accompanied by Mr. C. Uadgren, a Swedish litterateur and wellknown canoeist.

With the State of Affairs

HARRISBURG, May 2 .- State Treasurer John W. Morrison took possession of the Treasury this morning. No appointments were announced, other than that of George Mor rison Taylor of Philadelphia to be Cashier.

Captain Morrison said this afternoon that the transfer was made in a very short time, owing to the excellent shape in which every thing was found. With Mr. Bover he went thing was found. With Mr. Boyer he went carefully over the books and found that the balances corresponded exactly with the sworn statement of the State depositors. The sinking fund securities were also gone over item by item and found intact. Cap-tain Morrison complimented the retiring Treasurer very highly.

PEACE PREVAILED EVERYWHERE.

MAY DAY in the perturbed Old World happily passed without any of the serious dis turbances that were apprehended .- New York

MAT DAT passed without bloodshed in the European capitals yesterday. The police were too much for the bomb-throwers. Baltimore Herald.

MAY DAY has passed without any very serious disturbances. Europe may well con gratulate herself on the outcome .- Younga own Telegram.

THE people of Europe who dreaded the possible contingencies of May Day and its threatened violence breathe a good deal nore freely this morning .- New York Heraid. THERE was no trouble to speak of in Europe yesterday. With the exception of a

small outbreak here and there, it was almost as quiet as a Parkhurst Sunday in New York. -New York Advertiser. MAY DAY passed off without any seriou

Mrs. A. Hoffman, of Milivale borough, has on exhibition a colossal and beautiful cake, baked by her husband, trait is to be disposed of by lot. Other things that will go to the lucky persons holding the winning numbers are furniture of all kinds, including every-thing that is required in a house, from the kitchen to the garret. Today a booth containing presents from the Empress of Germany, Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Pattison, wife of the Governor, will be thrown open to the vis-itors to the fair. disturbances in the places where trouble was most expected. Anarchy is pretty sure not to break out when the authorities are fully prepared for it.-Buffalo Express.

MAT DAY passed without the serious demnstrations which were expected in the European capitals. The Socialist agitators run against the cold steel in the hands have of trained soldiers too often to dare it un ecessarily .- Wheeling Evening News.

Loxpox's May Day demonstration vestering oncers were elected for the ensing year: President, Mrs. Ross Johnston, Vice Presidents, Mrs. H. S. McKee, Mrs. Alex. Laughtin, Mrs. Henry Darlington, Mrs. Albert Childs, Mrs. Joseph Albree, Mrs. J. B. McFadden; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas S. Dickday was essentially a labor outing, appealing to the eye by imposing numbers, and at the same time appealing to the minds of the participants through the medium of speeches from platforms in Hyde Park. son; Recording Secretary, Miss Ewing responding Secretary, Mrs. J. O. Horne. Philadelphia Record.

The demonstration seems to have almost partaken of the nature of an old-fashioned May Day celebration in which, however, the laboring people were the only celebrants. The absence of repressive measures was doubtless largely responsible for this, as well as for the temper of the crowd, which was decidedly un-Anarchistic .- Philade/phil Press.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Mr. Daniel Dee y, of Frankstown.

The largest funeral ever seen in Franks town was that of Mr. Daniel Deely yesterday morning, there being 25 carriages in line. Mass was said in St. Stephen's Church, Hazelwood, followed by

an address truthfully eulog stic of the decease Several priests accompanied the remains to SL. Mary's Cometery to perform the last sad rites. The tears of relatives and friends mingled with the May shower of heaven over the casket lowering into the grave-bidding a long fareweil to a good father, orother and citizen.

Obituary Notes.

YATES CARRINGTON, the well known anima painter. is dead in London. GENERAL GEORGE D. UTASST died yesterday afternoon in Winnington, Dei.

SQUIRE S. J. SPRINGER died at California, Pa. yesterilay of passives, He has filed the office of justice of the peace in East Pike Run township for a quarter of a century.

JOHN F. BOWMAN, a wealthy citizen of Altoona field yesterday, aged 68. He established the first hotel in Altoona, and was for 20 years a director of the First National Bank. debts. He was assessed on his little fortune that he had a cumulated dollar by dollar, and he took occasion to remark how the law operated against a poor man with a con-

WILLIAM RIGHTSTINE died a few days ago a Sheperdistowo, W. Va., aged 85 years. He was foreman of the jury that convicted John Brown of treason in 1559. Within the hast three years four of the jurors living in the same county have died. Bigutstine's death leaves only one survivor of the

States. There are a large number of booths in the spacious hall, each booth being in

in the spacious hall, each booth being in charge of a different congregation, and there has been plenty of friendly rivalry as to whose booth shall be most attractive. Where all are so artistically arranged it would be angracious to pick out any partie-ular one for comment. Suffice it to say that the hall is a veritable bower of beauty, both age to the booths and stands and those who preside at them. All sorts of fancy articles fare on sale, many of them made by the deft fingers of the ladies of the various congrega-tions, and still others donated by these who -Apropos of the phenomenal whist-hand stories current, an old number of the New York Sun records an instance in which 13 trumps turned up in a hand at whist. It was in January, 1858, and a judge while, it was in sumary, loss, and a judge and three physicians were the players. The pack was perfectly shuffled and cut, and the dealer held the hand, turning up the knave of clubs. Pole has calculated that the charce of this event occurring is once in 158,-750,0'0,000. fingers of the ladies of the various congrega-tions, and still others donated by those who are in sympathy with the object of the fair, to raise money for the new orohan asylum at West Liberty borough. Ice cream and cake are offered for those who want sweets, while for others whose gastronomical demands are of a heavier nature there is a well-served supper and dinner every day this week. In the preparation of these meals the ladies are keeping up the reputation of the German hou-sewile for good cookery. The food is wholesome, and it is prepared in a way that would tempt an anchorite. It is con-fidently expected that the receipts from the meals will be a very large portion of the

-Turner, the naturalist, declared that he once saw, upon the coast of Brazil, a race of gigantic savages, one of whom was 12 teet in eight. M. Thevet, of France, in his descrip tion of America, published at Paris in 1575, tion of America, published at raris in bio, asserted that he saw and measured the skeleton of a South American which was 11 feet 5 inches in length. The Chinese are said to claim that in the last century there were men in their country who measured 15 feet meals will be a very large portion of the fund that is sure to be raised from the fair. in height.

-Seventy-five years ago Thomas L. Walker, then a mere boy, planted four walnuts by the roadside opposite his father's ouse in the Eleventh civil district, near Cedar Bluff, and some ten miles west of Knoxville. He died ten years ago, yet he lived to see four walnut trees grow to a measure of four (set in diameter, worth, if cut and properly seasoned, at least \$400 es ch. Had he planted ten acres they would be worth at least \$2,000,000.

Intendence of Mrs. Elizabeth Schwartz, is in charge of fancy and prize booths. The Temperanceville congregation, with Mrs. W. C. Grindelfinger at the head, bas also fancy booths. Mrs. T. Linke is in charge of the Smith-field street congregation fancy table. Mrs. C. Neep has the Mt. Washington congrega-tion. Rev. H. Bacher, of St. Paul's, Alle-gheny, is looking after a fancy booth, with ladies' assistance. The Bloomfield and Etna congregations are uncer the supervision of Mrs. M. Hoffman and Mrs. E. Ochse. Mrs. M. Stucky leads the Birmingham congregation. -In the windows of fashionable stationers in Paris, rows of sealing-wax of all hues and shades are ranged in order like the the colors of the spectrum. A meaning attaches to each of these colors. Thus, white taches to each of these colors. Thus, white scaling-wax means a proposal of marriage; black, a death; violet, condolences. Invi-tations to dinner are scaled with chocolate color; vermilion is used for business letters; ruby color by fortunate lovers. Green means hope; brown melancholy, derived possibly from "brown study." blue, con-stancy; yellow, jcalousy. Pale green con-veys a reproof; pluk is used by young ladles; and gray between friends.

RHYNKLED RHYMELETS.

Exchange yesterday afterncon the follow "I like you, Mr. Smith, because of your ing officers were elected for the ensuing

variable courtesy to women."" "Thank you, Mrs. Jones. I always try to be that way. I don't know whether you ever heard tor not, but my mother was a woman."-Har

> Though garden truck is very high And all the folks, who can, Pay cash for everything they buy, The gard'ner's still a seedy man. —Detroit Free Press.

"I don't like him. He's too fond of air-

ing his knowledge."" "But consider how moldy most of his knowledge is."-Puck.

Their conversation was very low, So very low that I could not catch it. But I heard this much as I turned to go: What kind of trimming d'ye think will match it? -New York Press.

Jake (sadiy)-You are not as you used to

be, darling. Cora (impatiently)-No; I used to be a baby. New York Heruid. The men who ask the blessing

With the public may grow weaker If we do not check the progress Of the after-dinner speaker. - Washington Str.

Teacher (of history class)-What is said to have been the origin of the great Chicago frei Bright pupil-It was started by a lady who was out in a barn milking a cow with a kerosene tamp. -Chicago Tribunt.

> Though her name was Lucy Little. She was very tall and stong; And Tom Long, who was her lover. And who round her used to hover.

Long!"

ermaster's office in San Antonio, Tex., for a post-

tion as clerk.
"Do you know anything about general management of the office?" asked the officer.
"Do I know anything about General Management? I should smile. I knew him when he was Lieutenant."-Tems Stylings.

A Son-in-Law of the Astors Swears He Owns No Personal Property. NEW YORK, May 2.-There was a rush of rich and prominent men in the Tax Assessors' office this morning to swear off their per-onal taxes. There was a line of swearers extending from the street to the

second story of the building in which the Tax Department is located. J. Coleman Drayton swore that he had no personal property, and Jenkins Van Schaick took oath to the same effect; even his house-hold furniture was owned by his wife.

ager of the Trinity church property, had

science. President Barker said he found that law-yers and pawnbrokers, as a rule, swore they had no personel property.

worn off his taxes a workingman stepped

Immediately after Colonel Cruger, man-

-Brooklyn Engle

A dissipated old man applied at the Quar-

Said "Oh, Lucy, love me Little, Love me