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FOR PITTSBURG'S FUTURE.

We take it as one of the chief significances of the banquet of the Chamber of Commerce this evening that it is the inception of organized and united effort for the realization of the great possibilities for Pittsburg in the future. The recognition and approval of the good work which the Chamber has done in the past is one of the immediate purposes of the occasion; but in using that function to give the Chamber a more liberal support, and to increase both its abilities and activity, the way is opened to the organization and direction of the effort which will bring into concrete reality the largest development of the new Pittsburg.

Nothing but harmonious organization and intelligent direction is needed to make the future growth of Pittsburg more phenomenal than its brilliant record for the past decade. Our geographical position is unsurpassed; our industrial capacities are unlimited; our capital is ample to secure the greatest results; and our energies are demonstrated in what been accomplished. The need has for the future is that these forces shall be so organized to bring them to bear harmoniously for the accomplishment of whatever work will facilitate the development or redound to the industrial glory of the whole community. Western cities without a quarter of the natural advantages of Pittsburg have accomplished a larger percentage of growth by the united efforts of the population in aid of every project to increase their importance. The same organized and united effort to increase the facilities of this community in trade, industry and commerce, to add to its attractions or to spread abroad its reputation, will yield results beside which the growth of the past will be shown to be merely an inception.

A pertinent example is not far to seek. The project of a ship canal from this city to the lakes has been shown to be entirely practicable and to be full to overflowing with material benefits to Western Pennsylvania. It means an addition of 50 cents to the value of every ton of coal produced

ough workman-like test, and let him see to it that guarantees are demanded and and we regard that form of the tale as secured on all articles purchased before accepting them. If all these things be accomplished, the city will be getting a good return for its money in the meantime, and will be ready to provide for the additions in the next year's appropriations.

A CRIMS FOR CLEVELAND.

The long-heralded May convention of New York Democrats meets at Syracuse next Tuesday, and it is barely possible that it may prove an elephant on the hands of its promoters. Grover Cleveland has secured such a long lead among the delegates outside of New York that his nomination is fairly assured provided there is any evidence of a reasonable amount of harmony in the Empire State after the dispute is settled. If the Syracuse Convention sends a contesting delegation to Chicago, the prospects for even a surface peace will be darker than ever. On the other hand, if the Syracuse Convention does nothing, the country will want to know what it was called together

for, and it may puzzle its originators to answer the question satisfactorily. The men behind the May convention movement have a reputation for shrewd-

ness, and they may be able to avoid both extremes and prevent a dangerous recoil upon the Cleveland forces. But they have a very delicate task before them. The snap February convention, which Hill relied upon to completely shut Cleveland out of the field, proved to be the spark which animated the ex-President's boom and excited his friends to strenuous and successful endeavors. It would be a curious feature of the political kaleidoscope if the May convention called by Cleveland's followers should put a damper upon his now promising prospects.

YOUTH AND PROTECTION.

American universities are growing in importance year by year. Larger numbers of our youth pass through their curriculum now than formerly, and the number is slowly but surely increasing. The important influence of opinions formed during the period of life at which men have their maximum amount of receptivity, and are just settling into the convictions which for

the most part remain with them to the grave, cannot be overestimated. The future of America depends on the youth of America, and their expressions of opinion are therefore of great value as indicating the trend of future events.

Viewed from this standpoint, the remarkable change of political faith which has transpired in the four last graduating classes of Yale is extremely interesting, and augurs well for the growth and great ness of America's home industries. The class of 1889 contained 55 free traders and only 43 protectionists. The class of 1892 has but 42 free traders, as compared to 83 protectionists. The difference is no doubt due to the intelligent observa tion of the advantages which the country has gained by encouraging home products and strengthening our industrial independence. May the same intelligence always be the rule with the men who hold the future of this country in their hands. Then will our growth in years to come surpass all that has been accomplished in the past, and we shall stand forth triumphant, unrivaled and incom-

A PERSISTENT ERROR.

parable.

The renewal of the Mississippi floods draws attention to the fact that the levee system confines the stream and thus makes the channel insufficient to carry off a flood. The New York Sun pertinently compares the case to a basin which is in this district; and a cheapening of \$1 50 filled to overflowing by an influx of water

all new material be subjected to a thor- at least a ripe maturity. In the previous decade the subject matter was pupples. the best sanctioned by time and author ity In the "Editor's Drawer" of Harper's Magazine during or immediately before Buchanan-Fremont campaign of the 1856 it appeared in the puppy form, and

we regard that as the authorized version. We are not aware of any earlier publication of this respectable and time-resisting joke: but there is a lurking suspicion that it did service in the contests between the Guelphs and Ghibellines As cats were very important animals in the time of the Pharaohs it may have originally been told with regard to kittens.

FOR EDUCATIVE PURPOSES

Several Representatives in Congress are known to be acting and voting against their convictions in advocating the total closing of the World's Fair on Sundays. They lack the courage to support what they believe to be right, because they fear that by so doing they might lose a few votes when seeking re-election. There is a great deal of nonsense and untruth in the discussion of the matter up and down the country. The rational idea is neither that the Fair should be open under the same conditions on Sundays as the other days of the week, nor that its doors should be absolutely closed.

Such an opportunity for education through the powers of observation as will be provided at Chicago has never been offered before. To make it valueless on one day in every seven would be prodigal wastefulness. There are thousands whose only chance to see anything whatever of the great collection of works of art and industry is on Sunday. There are other thousands whose visits will be all too short in any case, and to whom a loss of one day at the Exposition would mean a great deal. The Fair should be thrown open on Sundays, not as a money-making concern, but as a vast object lesson. With this provision it should be understood that all employes of the Exposition and of the lines of transportation whose business is dependent on it should have a seventh of their time for rest and recreation. With these restrictions there can be no rational objection whatever against such a use of the treasures on Sunday.

FROM the number of Presidental booms to be launched "in a day or two," a number of collisions and shipwrecks may be excted on the political sea in the near future.

GLADSTONE has on several occasion hown a remarkable facility for escaping unseathed from carriage accidents. The fact that Salisbury's carriage was upset yesterday and the Premier helped out through the window unburt, is evidence that the Tory leader intends to compete with the cople's William in every particular.

To speak metaphorically, it would appear that some of the gentlemen interested in McKeesport's water department are in need of a washing.

A MAN who proposes to use soft coal without smoke consumers close to the conservatory site in Schenley Park, unless the use of consumers is prohibited by law, is about to institute a public nuisance. Moreover, he is possessed of less than the average Pittsburger's public spirit, and that is saying a great deal.

SENATOR STANFORD is wonderfully generous in his praise of Harrison, now that he finds that his own little boom was still-born.

OF course New Orleans is indignant that one of its citizens should be found with har dihood enough to introduce a bill to repea the act granting charters for prize fights in that city. As an attraction for visitors the prize ring is unrivaled, and that is the matter of most supreme importance.

DR. C. H. PARKHURST is to take a vaca

NEARLY ALL CHOSEN NOW.

only 200 Delegates to the Democratic Con vention Yet to Be Selected-Hopes and Fears of the Cleveland Adherents-Interesting Congressional Contests.

-Nearly 100 additional delegates to the Democratic National Convention have been hosen since THE DISPATCH reviewed the situation a week ago. The two most im-portant State gatherings held were in New Jersey and Kentucky, though the results were decidedly of a different character. To politicians the issue in the Eastern Com-monwealth was more of a surprise than in the Blue Grass State. In New Jersey the Hill hustlers had put forth more decided efforts than in any other section, with the exceptions of New York and Georgia. Governor Abbett, who has been all-powerful with the Democracy of the Mosquito State, was an open opponent of Cleveland. He had some ambitions himself, but of the two New York candidates, decidedly preferred Hill,

nd made a political tour in his company ast summer. But the efforts of the politicians and the machine proved as useless as in Georgia. The 20 delegates from New Jersey are instructed to vote for Cleveland as long as his name is before the convention, which is the strongest instruction yet given any Stat delegation. The ex-President's friends regard these accessions from such States as New Jersey and Georgia as particularly important, as an answer to the claim that he is nly supported by the delegates from the hopelessly Republican communities, and is without followers in the Democratic and doubtful States.

Where Cleveland Did Not Get All.

-But the ex-President was not allowed to have it all his own way. Watterson succoded after a hard fight in preventing any instructions being given by the Kentucky Convention, and the vote of that State will probably be scattered on the first ballot at Chicago. Cleveland's friends, though, claim that at least half of the delegates are friendy to him, and expect to do even better. Hill got a State, too, the only one that i solidly for him beside New York, Colorado is uniriendly to Cleveland because of his attitude on the free coinare question, and the delegates are all claimod for the New Verb

the delegates are all claimed for the New York Senator. To affact this Western declaration comes the Pacific Coast Commonwealth of Wash-ington, which is practically unanimous for Cleveland. I daio also selected delegates Wednesstay, but, as there was nothing in the convention proceedings to indicate their preferences, they must be placed on the doubtful list. It is conceded that the Ten-nessee couvention, now in session, will in-struct its delegates to vote solidly for Cleve-land, as the campaign throughout the State has been conducted openly on that issue. South Dakota's representatives are claimed to favor Cleveland, though there is a lack of positive information on the subject. Maintaining His Previous Lead,

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-On the whole, Cleveland gets at least 60

f the odd 100 delegates elected during the current week, still keeping up that propor ion of just a little short of the all-ne two-thirds. Counting the 48 votes of Illinois for Senator Palmer on the first ballot a careful estimate shows that Cleveland has 428 out of the 676 delegates already chosen. Hill has 108 in sight, while Boles has not yet added any strength to his Iowa delegation o: 26. This leaves 66 votes on the doubtful and scattering list. This list includes the half of the Kentucky delegation, which is likely to vote for Carlisle at first, and that portion of Indiana's representation which may not consider the indorsement of Cleve-land by the State Convention as binding, and will possibly support ex-Governor Gray. Cleveland, then, is apparently only 22 short of two-thirds of the delegates already elected, which is a slight gain over his pro-portion of a week azo. In fact, if the III-nois delegation should decide to vote for Grover on the first call, as is chimed by his most ardent friends, it would make easy salling for the ex-President. Something over 200 delegates are still to be chosen. In Obio a number of the districts have chosen their representatives, and the out of the 676 delegates already chosen. Hill

chosen. In Ohio a number of the districts have chosen their representatives, and the outlook is for a very mixed situation. Camp-bell is still confident that a majority will be secured for the ex-President. Careful ob-servers, though, do not give him over one-half of the delegation. A bitter fight is in progress in Texas, with the result in consid-erable doubt. Arkansas is believed to be practically certain for Cleveland. There will be two contesting delegations from Louisiana from present appearances, but the trouble is caused by local issues and the position of the respective contingents has not been developed on the Presidental issue. Hill is still making a fight in Mississippi and Alabama, and is hoping for the assistance of ce of

Alabama, and is hoping for the assist the Alliance. In the North, Maine a e and o

PEFFER'S BIG LOAN SCHEME.

He Would Have Uncle Sam Be an Uncle in Fact as in Name.

WASHINGTON, May 26 -Senator Peffer to-day introduced a bill to "increase the currenev and provide for its circulation; to reluce the rates of interest and to establish a bureau of loans;" and it was luid on the able for the present, Mr. Peffer expressing his intention to address the Senate on the subject. It provides for a bureau of loans within the Treasury Department, to be con-ducted by three commissioners with salaries of \$5,000 each. This bureau is to establish loan agencies, one of which is to be at the capital of every State and Territory. These capital of every State and Territory. These local agencies are to lend money to the people, just as such business is now done by "responsible and well-regulated real estate and loan agencies." The loans are to be for not less than one year, nor for longer than (the number of years left blank.) No loan is to be for less than \$100 or more than \$2,500, to or for any one person of family; and no loan is tobe granted unless it be to procure or to save a home. The funds required to carry out the act are to be provided by the issue of Treasury notes, equal in amount to a dollar and a half for every dollar's worth of gold and silver coin and builton belonging to the United states. The bill prohibits the banks or cor-porations from demanding or receiving more

ban 5 per cent interest, or 4 per cent where le loan extends over a year.

FAME'S FAVORITES.

CONGRESSMAN MCKEIGHAN, of Nebraska, is said to rank as the ugliest man in Congress

ORRIN CLEMENS, Mark Twain's elder prother, is noted among his townsmen of Keokuk, 1a., for his wit and humor.

IT is said that Rev. Dr. Conwell, of Philadelphis, had a law practice yielding a revanue of \$20,000 a year before he entered the ninistry.

COLONEL R. A. CRAWFORD, who died at Atlanta a few days ago, was buried in his Confederate uniform, a faded old suit with ullet holes in it.

THE Pope has been indisposed the past w days owing to the sudden hot spell, and has been advised to suspend all official work or the present.

THE Duke of Portland is carrying out is promise to devote his turf winnings to charitable purposes. He has already dis-tributed over \$300,000 of such winnings.

CHARLES H. MCGOWAN, official reporter of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Michigan, is said to have attained the phenomenal speed of 200 words a minute on the typewriter.

CHARLES BOSWELL, chief clerk to Governor McKinley, will be wedded in Canton, O., next Wednesday to Miss Mina Danner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Danner.

GENERAL LONGSTREET will attend the G. A. R. reunion at Weirs, N. H., this sum-mer. The boys will take good care of their old confederate foe, and show him a few of the beauties of the Granita State. allow of much practice. The grounds of the club are at the corner of Craig and Center,

SENATOR PEFFER's son is the editor and ublisher of a humorous paper called Farm Pun, and has to keep a watchful eve over his exchange editor for fear that something might be scissored and slip in which Peffer pers would consider more personal that ocular.

WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS, the Amercan Minister at Berlin, who has been for 20 years one of the alumni representatives in the Yale corporation, not long ago declined to be a candidate for re-election. He was requested to reconsider his decision, but his ong term of service and absence from the country have prompted him to decline.

WORKING HARD OVER-TIME.

The World's Fuir Committee Having Its Hands Full Just at Present.

WASHINGTON, May 26,-The World's Fain Committee of the House has taken favorable action on the Senate resolution extending an invitation to the Presidents of American Republics to participate in the World's Columbian Exposition; the Senate resolution extending an invitation to the King and Queen of Spain and to the decendants of Colimbus to participate in the Exposition House resolutions authorizing the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to prepare a exhibit of articles under his charge; author exhibit of articles under his charge; author-izing the Secretary of the Interior to make an exhibit of models and drawings from the Patent Office. The committee also agreed on a resolution authorizing the President to issue a proclamation recommending to the people a due observance of the four hun-dredth anniversary of the discovery of America, especially by appropriate exer-cises in the schools. TEA AND TENNIS.

Dainty Draperies and Delicacies at a Samovar for the Benefit of the Russian Famine Sufferers-Opening of the Ton-

nis Season-Society Gossip, The imperial colors of Russia were domiant in the chapel of the Unitarian Church, in the Duquesue College building, Diamond street. It was the occasion of the much-talked of Russian tea, given in behalf of the famin-stricken Russian peasantry and the fund of the free reading room of the Unitarian Church. The room presented a brilliant appearance. Only the two colors, black and yellow, were to be seen, and they were utilized in Yeddo cloth draped fan tastically but gracefully in diff-erent ways. The effect was both odd and charming. The small tables were cov-ered with mow-white damask, brightened by scarfs of yellow stretched across at intervals. But the most interesting feature of the room was the Russian booth, which was an immense structure, occupying the whole of one side of the apartment, and which caught the eye of the

visitor immediately upon entering the room. It was a mass of black and yellow drapery, surmounted by three cupolas that gave an Oriental suggestion to the whole affair. In this booth was dispensed the tea made in the Russian style and served from a genuine the Russian style and served from a genuine Russian samovar, lent by Mrs. Joshua Rhoades, the ten itself having come direct from St. Petersburg, Mrs. Charles Fayes, who is believed to be the only Russian lady in Pittsburg, presided over the samovar and gave cups of the aromatic beverage to all who sought it. Mrs. Fayes is a charming hady. She is the wife of the brilliant Frenon leacher. Prof. Chas. Fayes. Assisting Mrs. who sought it. Mrs. Fayes is a charming lady. She is the wife of the brilliant Frence lady. She is the wife of the brilliant Frence reacher, Prof. Chas. Fayes. Assisting Mrs. Fayes were Mrs. John Langley, Mrs. Hold-ship, Mrs. Fleishman, Mrs. Jeane Paul. Mrs. F. G. Wallace, Miss Emma Parsons and Miss Jean Wight. The lemonade booth was in oharge of Miss Emma Parsons and Miss Jean Wight. The lemonade booth was in oharge of Miss Emma Parek. Strawberries, ice oream and cake were served by Miss Gertrude McCargo, Miss Ida Best, Miss Somith (who is a consin of Miss Flack), Miss Stewart and Miss Townsend, of Sewickley; Miss Etta Johnston, Miss Watt, of Allegneny; Miss Rhea Seyppie, Miss Konmult, Miss Hawkins, of McKeesport; Miss Rose Flen-niken, Miss Martica Langley, Miss Anna Langley and Miss Florence Lowrie. The decorations of the hall were of so tasteful and artistic a character that the names of the ladles who did the work can but be interesting. The Committee on Decorations were Miss Paul, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Lake. The Committee of Arrange-ments consisted of Miss Robert McCargo and Mrs. Dr. Flower. Mrs. Marrum took charge of the printing and advertising of the tea, and to her effortis must, to a large degree, be credited the success of the entert infinent. Today and to-morrow at noon a New England lunch will be served in the hall by the same ladles and for the same objects, Boston baked beans will be included in the menn, but there will be plenty of other del-icacles besides.

Bellefield. It is intended to erect a hand-

some clubhouse on the grounds, and judg-

ing from the names that are included in the

directory and committees of the club, there is no doubt that the organization will be a

most prosperous and creditable one. The

President is S. W. B. Moorhead; Vice Presi-

dent, F. X. Barr: Secretary, M. K. Coster;

dent, F. X. Barr: Secretary, M. K. Coster: Treasurer, E. B. Vaill. The Reception Com-mittee is as follows: William R. Holmes, William S. Pier, E. G. Matson, N. C. Davison, F. S. Guthrie, Miss Mary Guthrie, Miss Mary L. Davison, Mrs. D. R. Morrison, Miss Mary Speer and Mrs. Henry Sproul. The annual open tournament for the Grogan challenge cup, carrying with it the single champion-ship of Westorn Pennsylvania, is to be held July 12 to 16. The club will arrange other fournaments during the season.

Social Chat,

THERE was a reception yesterday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock at the O'Hara School on Twenty-fith street at which there were 300 visitors. The children exhibited their pro-ficiency in the studies they had been de-

voting themselves to since last January The principal feature was the work done in

drawing, some beautiful specimens being on exhibition. There were singing and other exercises, and the whole school was

brown open to the inspection of the guest window decorated with what is known

"cut work" was very much admired. It w done by Miss Lucy D'Armitt, and the ge eral effect was of a solid stained glass wi

15-year-old ind was standing under a tre when the lightning struck it. The bolt en THE Pittsburg Tennis Club has got fairly

tered the boy's cont at the neck and wen down his pine, making a blister all the way he not onl, survived the stroke, but will re cover from the effects of it. to work for the season of 1892. Piny was ad -It cost the State of Ohio over \$7,000 t vertised to begin on the 18th instant, al-though the weather has been too bad to

secure the conviction of Will J. Elliott, th Columbus murderer; \$5 191 for the convic tion of Van Loon, and \$3,025 for that of Pate Elliott. Allowing these to be fair sample the average cost of convicting a murderer i Ohio is something over \$5,000.

-The latest fad in the line of collectin is the collecting of colored posters-the bill with which the enterprising poster adorn boards and fences and dead-wails about town. In France and in several of the Ger man cities this new manin has taken a dee; hold and is spreading rapidly.

-A cable measuring 28,020 feet was man ufactured last week in 52 hours by the Call fornia Wire Works for a street cable roa In San Francisco, and on Friday it wa drawn through the streets by 60 horse mounted by 15 riders to the pewer hous where it was placed in position.

-In Paris, in Vienna, in Berlin, th small house or hotel is the luxury of th wealthy, and the great bulk of the popula tion live in flats. In St. Petersburg, th most modern of European cities, all th houses are flats. The modern Italian m Rome lives, as the ancient Roman did, in flut.

- The other day a playbill posted in Cambridge, Mass., announced a dramatic ex hibition with the words: "It is to be th hibiton with the words: a to have the strongest cast over presented in Cambridge. Then followed a list of eminent Cambridge citizens. The bill was accidentally poste-over a call for a meeting in favor of publi parks.

-The custom of placing crape on the doo

-The diving apparatus is one of th latest objects to which the telephone ha been annlied. A sheet of con

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

- Spiders have eight eyes.

- Music type was invented in 1502. -In the British army 90,000 men hav good conduct badges.

> -The longest floating dock in the worl is at Bermuda. It is 391 feet long and 123 fer h breadth. -A curious industry in Paris is that e

selling toads to gardeners, to be used as i sect destroyers. -An attempt was lately made to cult

vate oysters in the Baltic. Last summe 50,000 were transplanted from the North Sei but the experiment has proyed a failure. -Ducks fly at a speed of 90 miles at

hour, and with the wind, when it is brisk they have been known to attain a rate o velocity of two miles and a half a minute.

-A redbird died at the advanced age o 23 years in Zanesville, O., the other day. I had become so feeble that it could not moun its perch in its cage, but it sang until a yes ngo.

-Microscopists who recently showed that drop of milk contained several million animalcels, now announce another cheeriv fact. They say that a mosquito has 2 "teeth" in the end of its bill.

-A Congressman estimates that in three years the pension list of this country will b \$251,000,000. This is but \$16,000,000 less that the combined cose of the armies of Grea Britain, France and Germany.

-A discovery of great importance to South Africa is a stone "apable of being barned into a natural cement of good qual ity. The deposit covers 1.00 acres, and varies in thickness from 10 feet to w feet.

-The death of James Gondie, who built and designed the first steamer to cross Atlantic by the aid of steam only, was latef announced. The vessel sailed from Picton Nova Scotia, to Gravesend, England, in 183

-It is considered unlucky by many fo any of the wedding guests to be dressed i green or black—a black crape bonnet or band on a gentleman's hat. These accident entail life-long misery to the newiy-matric couple.

-"Oxford county, Me., turns out near l all of the spools on which the thread of th country is wound," said a wholesale notion dealer. "The spools are made from white birch timber, and they are produced by the multice

-The eggs of the alligator are eaten in the West India Islands and on the West Coast of Africa. They resemble in shape hon's egg, but are larger and have much the same taste. More than 100 eggs have been found in one alligator. -At Gilbreath, N. C., the other day,

per ton on our product of finished iron that cannot be stopped. Is it the common and steel. These factors simply mean an increase of wealth and population almost beyond the power of human conception. Yet the only reason why the shin canal project lags is the lack of organized public effort. If the capital and energy of the entire community were brought to bear for urging forward this project, work would be commenced in a twelvemonth and vessels from Lake Erie would be discharging ore and taking coal at Pittsburg by 1895.

The Chamber of Commerce is the proper organization to bring together and direct the great forces of this city for securing such results. We take it that the speeches at the banquet to-night will set before the public what can be done by such an adequate support of the Chamber as will enable it to urge forward either a ship canal, a new railway line, the expansion of a manufacturing interest, the development of a new fuel supply, or whatever else will enhance the growth and prosperity of the community. With the immense gain that can be obtained by increasing the power of the Chamber in these directions, fully displayed by the orators of the occasion, the hearty and even profuse support of the entire community for all such efforts is a foregone conclusion.

ASKING FOR MORE.

Superintendent Humphreys, of the Fire Department, has issued his first report. So numerous have been his opportunities that his short tenure of office has enabled him to see that the department is in need of additions in several directions. Like Oliver Twist, he is asking for more, and his audacity is likely to be looked askance at. as it was in the case of Oliver. He wants five new first-class engines, more men, more alarm boxes, more hydrauts, an aerial ladder, and a new supply of hose. Two new engines were provided for in this year's appropriations. A third may be obtained from the sum set apart for a water tower, which he thinks would be poor policy to buy. His main reason for deciding against the water tower, apart from other objections to it, is that it would need more engines to work it properly than the department has at Its disposal. The aerial ladder is a useful invention and may be squeezed in along with the third engine from the money appropriated for the department in February.

Two thousand feet of new hose is offered by the Eureka Company free of cost, and as the Chief recommends their make of 214-inch hose, it should be accepted. The outworn three-inch hose appears to have been made to order as an experiment, and since it proved a failure the company appears to desire to deal fairly by the city in offering to replace it for nothing.

That the city's equipment for dealing with fires is palpably inadequate there are few to dispute. But Chief Engineer Humphreys will have ample time to show between now and next February that he is making the most of the material he has. In this way only can he secure the public confidence, which is a necessary preliminary to an increase in expenditure. If Superintendent handle the apparatus and men now under his control in a thoroughly business-like manner, his recommendations will carry with them sufficient weight to achieve the improvement which he desires.

tion, so the even tenor of Tammany's way sense policy to build around the edge of will be undisturbed for a season. the basin a little dam of putty, or to open the outlet? To this the Washington Post replies with the familiar assertion that the river "is a running stream which discharges rapidly or slowly in proportion to

the velocity of the current, and this velocity can be increased by confining the channel or checked by permitting it to expand." This idea of increasing the velocity of

discharge by confining the channel as applied to the disposition of floods is one of the most persistent stupidities of the day. It has reappeared in this city, where it has actually endangered two cities by narrowing a channel already insufficient to carry

floods. It is wholly due an inability to distinguish off to between cause and effect. The discharge is accelerated at the outlet when the channel is narrowed, only because its insufficiency dams up the water behind and increases the pressure. So far as floods are concerned the narrowing of a channel is an aggravation and not a remedy.

· The confusion of ideas is probably due, as appears in the Post's article, to mixing up the use of the jetty system at ordinary stages with the question of floods. When a river like the Mississippi is confined to its ordinary channel the jotty system is useful, as the Post says, in scouring out the sediment and keeping the channel straight. But the function has no real relation to the question of the disposition of the water when the volume has increased to many times the capacity of the ordinary channel. In the latter case the only remedy is to multiply the outlets and to permit the

sible. With regard to the pending issue it is beyond dispute that the only effect of restricting the outlet in a flood stage is to dam up the water and aggravate the flood.

THE RECORD OF A JEST.

The immortality of a good, old joke, with adaptability to current events, is one of the social characteristics that at times impresses the observer with something akin to awe. It is brought to notice by a discussion concerning that always applicable story about the boy offering some puppies for sale to one man with the representation that they are of the party or creed which the purchaser affects; and a

day or two later, when the purchaser finds the same boy trying to sell puppies from the same litter under the representation that they belong to the opposite party or creed, and challenging him with the first representation, the boy responds: "Yes, but they've got their eyes open now !"

The joke is of such standing and can be made to fit any existing controversy with such ease that its full title to the respect

commanded by age should be recognized. The Buffalo Courier, noticing its appearance in a cotemporary with a theological application, says: "When we first made its acquaintance, just after the war, it had a political rather than a theological bearing, and it was a kitten instead of a puppy incident. Of late years, however, we have noticed a tendency to apply it to

theology. The last time it went the rounds Bishop Brooks was its victim, but it still dealt with kittens. Its ultimate development will be watched with much interest and curiosity." This carries its history back for a re-

the desires. Let the new engines provided for and that at the period named it had attained is up. or two of the Western States have still to be heard from. Doubt as to Gorman's Position.

BESIDES wearing the neckties purchased for him by his flance, it is a devoted lover's duty to indulge the fair one with a blind and uncritical admiration of all that is hers, from her face and figure, bonnet and gown to her friends and pet animals. HAVING chosen the site and let the con

tract for the Phipps conservatory, the next thing to do is to build it.

A COTEMPORARY asserts that a political leader in Allegheny states that his men have secured twenty-five out of twenty-four delegates. At this rate he ought to have things pretty much his own way.

THERE is altogether too much water in the weather prevalent just now. It is high time to dry up.

THERE is ample room for any superfluous rummers there may be in this country to go abroad and boom our industries under the governments with which we have made reciprocity treaties.

> OUR batteries were idle yesterday, as the weather prevented batting at Washington

BLAINE'S eyes are all right, except that they are a little weak as the result of over-work, says Dr. Noyes. Everyone knows that the same remarks apply with equal truth to Blaine as a whole.

YESTERDAY'S downpours were suggestive of anything but Ascension Day.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY is the last recruit to fall in line with a treaty of reciprocity. It will soon be easier to enumerate the coun tries which do not reciprocate with us than overflow to pass off as speedily as posthose which do.

> BEAR-TRAINER MELVILLE says that he only asks for bare justice.

FOUR more men were fatally injured by moking cigarettes the other day. But in their case the contiguity of a gunpowner chest was an additional factor in the destruction.

KENTUCKY Democrats love Henry more, t Grover less.

STARK county's new workhouse is to bea near neighbor to the fair grounds in Ohio. Care will be necessary to in sure the arrival of visitors to either at the destination de sired.

The Vanderbilt Funeral To-Day.

NEW YORK, May 26.-[Specia'.]-Mr. John Hone will have charge of the funeral of William H. Vanderbilt, at St. Batholomew' William H. Vanderbilt, at St. Batholomew's Episcopal Church, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. The Yale students, of whom 100 are expected to arrive at the Grand Central station at 9:10 o'clock, in two special cars, will occupy seats specially reserved for them. The interment, at the Vanderbilt mansoleum, at New Dorp, S. I., will be in the atternoon, and only the immediate members of the family will be present.

Austria-Hungary Now in Line

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- The State Depart. ment having been officially informed of the conclusion of a treaty of commercial re conclusion of a treaty of commercial re-ciprocity between Austria-Hungary and the United States under the provisions of the McKinley act, the President this after-noon proclaimed the details of the arrange-ment, which is similar to that entered into with Germany. It takes effect at once.

Blaine's Mascot. New York Evening World.]

The Damrosch baby may be Blaine's ma cot for the coming campaign.

Not Worth a Contest. New York Recorder.

Has Mr. Hill made his political will? Time

-The Maryland State Convention will be awaited with interest, as it is expected to indicate the attitude of Senator Gorman, who is believed to have aspirations to posas a compromise candidate. Cleveland's friends have been making a fight in some sections of the State, but the outlook is tha the delegation will be uninstructed and in hands of Gorman to use about as he pleases. If Cleveland gets in the neighborhood of half the delegates yet to be chosen, as seems probable, his strength on the first ballot will be just as estimated six weeks ago-about 525 votes. Providing Illinois swings into line, its 45 delegates will furnish con-siderably more than half of the additional number necessary to reach the two-thirds and the nomination. The ex-President's friends depend upon a stampede, while his enemies hope to hold 300 or more delegates firm until a break is made in some other di-rection. the delegation will be uninstructed and in

Many, even of Cleveland's friends, regard the coming May convention in New York as the most threatening cloud at the present time. They say that while it may prove a source of strength it is just as likely to do something that will uniavorably affect the delegates from other Sintes. For this reason next week's gathering a regarded as a posi-sible crists, and the outcome will be awaited with interest. with interest.

A Lively Congressional Campaign.

-Although the Buckeye Democrats have not as yet nominated a candidate for Con-gress in the old McKinley district, they have already commenced a most active and some what peculiar campaign upon Morgan, the Republican nominee. Some Democratic organs charged that Morgan evaded army service, but when it was shown that he was still living in Wales at the time and was minus a leg, and therefore incapacitated, this story fell rather flat. Some of the yarns minus a reg, and therefore inclusion and this story fell rather flat. Some of the yarns told, though, are of a humorous nature. There is a Welsh Church at Alliance which is largely sustained by Mr. Morgan. But long ago, so the story goes, the congregation was discussing the purchase of a candela-brum. The argument was as to the expedi-ency of expending either \$50 refs. "I believe in the best," finally said Mr. Morran, "and would favor the purchase of a \$50 candelabrum, but I do not believe there is anybody in the congregation who knowshow to piny on it." Another Democratic yarn is to the effect that when Mr. Morgan presided over a meet-ing addressed by Major McKinley last fall he introduced the eminent speaker in the following language: "Ladies and gentle-ment, I now have the honor and pleasure of presenting a man whose name is a-a-by-word throughout the United States."

Harter Will Try It Again.

-Another Ohio district, which, while naturally Republican, will be the scene of a lively contest, is that now represented by Congressman M. D. Harter, whose decided stand had so much to do with the end of the silver craze in the House of Representa-tives. Though this is Senator Sherman's home district the Republicans have nom-inated a Forsker adherent after a warm struggle. Harter will be named again by ac-clamation when the Democratic convention meets next week, and will make an effort to at least decrease the majority against him. Then, too, Tom Johnson, the free trade, single tax representative who originated the scheme to get Henry Georze's book into the Compressional Record will make a desperate effort to return to Washington from gerrymandered (uyahoga county. The district has about 2000 more Republicans silver craze in the House of Representa from gerrymandered (uyahoga county. The district has about 2000 more Republicans than Democrats, but Mr. Johnson is person-ally very popular and notwithstanding his ideas is very comfortably prepared for a campaign in a financial sense. L. D. B.

FROM NORWAY TO CHICAGO.

The Very First Scandinavian Vessel to Unload at a Lake Port.

CHICAGO, May 26.-The Wergeland, the first steamship to make a trip from Norway to Chicago, arrived to-day, and hundreds of enthusiastic Scandinavians went out on three excursion boats to meet her with a brass band, Tugs and yachts were also pressed into service, and an imposing pro-cession was formed, to the delight of several thousands of people who gathered on the docks

docks.

docks. The Wergeland brought a cargo of fish and cod liver oil, and will carry provisions back to Norway. Part has to be lighted in the tresh water caual on this side.

cless in the schools. Chairman Durbarrow will to-morrow ask the House for unanimous consent to allow the committee to sit during the sessions of the House, to consider the bill providing for Government aid to the Fair. The House now meets daily at 11 c-lock, and this gives the committee very little time to do any work in the morning.

HIS MARROW WAS FROSTED.

A New Castle Man Dies of a Disease That Puzzles All Bis Doctors.

CASTLE, May 26.-[Special.]-Isaac snear died at his home in this city yester day morning, aged 73 years. The deceased moved here about six months ago from Wilmington township, Mercer county, and was in a peculiar physical condition. Some six years ago he drove 20 mlies on a very cold day, and was almost frozen to death. He was taken sick with a disease that hus puz-zled all physicians who have attended him. The marrow of the man's bones was said to have been irosted, or so injured by the extreme cold he suffered that his muscies became usoless. Later it was observed that his limbs were hardening, and he became so helpless that he was unable to leave his bed. Freev. effort was made by physicians to in a peculiar physical condition. Some six herpiess that he was made to lave in soci-Every effort was made by physicians to help the man, but his limbs gradually be-came ossified, and at the time of his death it is said all his joints had grown together.

MR. BLAINE AND THE PRESS.

Oculists say that Blaine's eyes are all right. All he has to do then is to open them. New York World.

THE question of Blaine's candidacy is like plucking the petals of a daisy. "He loves ne, he loves me not."-Kansas City Star.

WHILE Blaine's game is not fully under stood, enough is now known to make it ob vious that he is not seeking in any way to advance the interests of President Harrison. -Philadelphia Times.

IF Mr. Blaine does not this week declare that he will, under no circumstances, accept a nomination for President, the boys in harge of his boom can proceed to whoop.-New York Advertiser.

PROBABLY Mr. Blaine has more warm riends and admirers than any other citizen of the United States. He will have a chance to test the unselfishness of their friendship in the next few days .- New York Sun.

ALTHOUGH Mr. Blaine's white hair and omewhat furrowed brow denote the inroads of old age, his mental calibre is as great as ever. His talk with the reporters did not indicate any weakness of the brain.

-N. Y. Telegram. It is the Blaine bell, and the resonant clangor resounds throughout the country. Everybody has suddenly pricked up his ears, is listening to the terrific vibrations in the circumambient air and wondering what

port to Blaine .- Brooklyn Citizen.

It is all for .- New York Herald. Tug belief that Mr. Blaine will accept if a unanimous nomination be possible, is being carefully cultivated in this vicinity, and the idea is given out that the Harrison men, instructed and otherwise, will simply cast their votes for him on the first ballot as in duty bound to do and then give their sup-

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

M. JOSEPH MARTIN, the French explorer, is dead at Khokhand, Asiatic Russia.

The new organization is to be known as the "Pilgrim Association." It has grown out of discussions in the Congregational Club and in the Congregational and the pastors of the Congregation all Churches generally, are the prime movers in the undertaking. It is proposed to co-operate with associations in different parts of the country. The membership of the associa-tion is not to exceed 150. The political work will be largely to secure the attendance of the best class of citizens at the cancuses and at the polls, so that only men of high stand-ing may be nominated. MRS. JEREMIAH FRITZ, of Litchfield, Pa., who died Monday, bequesthed \$5,000 to Thiel College. SIR CHARLES PARKER BUTT, President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the London High Court of Justice, died yesterday, LADY JULIAN GOLDSMID, cldest daughter of the late A. Philipson, of Florence, died at Cannes yesterday. She was married to Sir Julian Goldsmid in 1863. Sir Julian, who is a Liberal-Unionist, repre-sents the South St. Pancras division in the British House of Commons.

CATHARINE FARB, relict of the late Henry Farr, aged 89 years, died Wednesday evening at her home on South Twentieth street. She was one

of the oldest women on the Southside. The fin-eral services were held last night and the funeral will take place at Bellevernon to-day, where the deceased's husband died at a very old age some years ago.

The first preliminary contest for the grand prize by the lat y undergraduates of King's prize by the lal y undergraduates of King's School of Oratory and Dramatic Culture took place last night in Lyceum Hall, corner of Diamond and Ross streets. There were 14 contestants. The lucky ones who will place of one of the glasses in the helmet, an to this a telephone is fixed, so that the dive when at the bottom of the son, has only slightly turn his head in order to repo-what he sees, or to receive instructions from above compete for the grand prize later on are Misses Fannie Diehl, Minnie Grau¹ and Rose Elbel. The judges are Rev. J. B. Koehne, Mr. E. E. Phelps and Frank Reynolds. above. -A servant girl "union" has bee

"DIPLOMACY" will be given by the Tuesday Night Club at the Daguesne Theater this evening. It is expected that the club will excel itself in this performance since it has worked very hard to make sure of a perfect presentation of the brilliant comedy. There is every indication that the pretty theater formed in Chicago, and housewives are di mayed at the prospect. And well they may be, since the demand for domestic labor much greater than the supply in this eity and the "union" is demanding \$4 a week is the humblest of its members. Moreover, i special rate of \$10 a week is to be mad-during the time of the World's Fair. will be filled when the curtain rolls up for the first act.

THERE was a very pleasant entertainment at the Sterrett School, Homewood avefine, last night by the pupils. Vocal and instru-mental music and recitations were given, the proceedings closing with a dance to the strains of Toerge's Orchestra. There was a very inge attendance. The proceeds will go to the school library fund. -Probably the oldest man on earth is th Spaniard living in Mexico, who has reache the remarkable age of 151. The priest of th church which he attends says that the Span find was an old man when he (the oriest was but an acolyte. The papers which the old man carries to prove his assertion ar the copies of a church register in Valladolid Spain, showing his date of birth and bar there.

The Travelers' Club of Western Pennsyl-vania will meet this afternoon in the Car-negie Lecture Hall. Mrs. Elwood will read a paper on Edmund Burke. Miss Matilda Hindman will give an address on "Restrict-ing European Immigration." of a house where there has been a recen

death had its origin in the ancient Englis At the regular meeting of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania last even-ing in the Academy of Art and Science Rev. H. R. Johnson, of Natrona, read an interest-ing paper on "The Means by Which Seeds Are Distributed." heraldic customs, and dates as far back, a least, as the year 100 A. D. At that period hatchments or armorial ensigns were place-in front of houses when the nobility an-gentry died. These hatchments were o diamond shape and contained the family arms-quartered and colored with sable.

A surpren was given last evening to the teachers and principals of the Braddock public schools by the the Braddock Board of Education. The schools picnic to-day at Idlewild Park. - A musical watch about the size of an egg is now exhibited in St. Petersburg which performs a religious chant with scenic ac companiments. Within is a representation of Christ with the Roman sentinels. Of CARDS are out for the wedding of Miss Nannie Agnew to Rev. O. B. Milligan, which will take place Tuesday evening, July 7, in the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. of Christ with the Roman sentines. Of pressing a spring the stone rolls from th tomb, the sentinels fall down, the angels ap-pear, and the holy women enter the sopul chre, and the same chant which is sung in the Greek Church on Easter Eve is actuall; performed. The watch was made by an in genious Russian peasant during the reign o Catherine of Russia.

The monument erected to the memory of the "Unknown Dead" in Grand View Cemetery, Johnstown, is to be dedicated next Tuesday afternoon, May 31.

Miss Lou HEMPHILL, of Allegheny, gave a luncheon Wednesday, May 18. Some of the society editors of Pittsburg have been re-porting it every day since.

PARKHURSTISM IN POLITICS.

Boston to Attempt to Get the Best Men

Out at the Polls.

scheme, because of a division of opinion as

to the necessity of personal visits to the

haunts of sin. Some think the only way to

cleanse the black spots in Eoston will be to

personally unmask Venus in her gilded par-lors, just as Dr. Parkhurst did. But there

are others who kick hard against this. It is

probable that Dr. Parkhurst's methods in

The new organization is to be known as

Also the Prohibitionists.

Dr. Rainsford's suggestion of church loons has stirred up the growlers.

Philadelphia Record. 1

that direction will not be copied.

grove.

THERE was a large attendance at the Allen-town U. P. strawberry and icccream festival last evening. The entortainment will be re-peated this evening. She (coming down stairs)-Well, I'm all

ready, now, Henry. He (at the door)-All right, I just ran around while you were dressing and took in the first set so I can explain it to you. The second one will be gin in a moment.-N. Y. Herald. THERE was a reception at the Lawrence School yesterday alternoon. To-day the Wilkinsburg public school will hold a recep-Patient-The examination seems to have

THE HUMOROUS SIDE.

delighted you, Doctor. 1 judge from your happ countenance that you can save my life. NEXT Wednesslay at Calvary Church will occur the marriage of Miss Nellie Webber to William H. Metcaif. Tax Birmingham public schools will hold their annual picnic June 23 at Alliquippa Dr. Sawboues-I can not promise you that; bu

we must perform a number of most interesting operations on you. -Puck. "Once a poet loved a star,"

A successful Old Folks' concert was given at Sewickley last night. But, as he had no rocks," He couldn't afford to go each night, And watch her from a box.

He couldn't buy her roses fine, Or diamonds rich and rare; So the "star" eloped with a rich old fool,

And the poet tore his hair, -Brooklyn Eagle

Bosron, May 26.-[Special.]-Boston is to have a Parkhurst Raform League. The Cobble-I see by the paper that Bange umped overboard in the English 'Channel an avel his wife. Why, the fellow's a perfect hero Stone-I don't know about that. She had on a net ealskin sacque. -Clouk Review. organization is already started, but there is a serious hitch in the progress of the

"Do you wish proofs of my love?" "No," she answered, "My negative make them unnecessary."-Washington Star.

Many a man goes home in a hack,

To a wife as mad as a hen, And paims it off as a billious attack, All because he can't say "when. - New York Hern

"A social lion, is he? Is he a mana BAB?"

"Why, no! I told you he was a society favorit didn't I?" - New York Prise.

Father-Why have you dismissed George Daughter-I have discovered that he walks he to save car fare. A man as economical as that ould-would smoke a pipe, - Fuct.

"I have more power now than at the start," Said beaten "png," when from his corner picked. "Don't savy? Umph! I thought you fellen

to you Mr. Beudle, a member of our Legislature. Mr. Voats-Glad to meet you, sirl What corpo-ration do you represent?"-Fuck.

'Knowledge is power.' See? I know I'm licked.' -Boston Courier Mr. Lobby-Voats, allow me to introduce