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TWELVE PAGES

AS TO THE GAS SUPPLY. The ever-interesting question of the supply of natural gas receives a new light from the answer of the Philadelphia Company to the suit of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., published yesterday morning. In this document sworn to by the general manager of the company the prospects of the gas supply are put in what, to use the mildest expression, is a decidedly unfavgrable light

But no observer can fail to be struck by the difference between the view of the situation taken in this document and that presented to the stockholders of the company in the President's annual report. The encouraging prospect held out by the earlier document was commented on in these columns at the time; and it is necessary to say that it is pretty well offset by the sworn answer now published. Of course it is a possible view that the report to the stockholders would naturally take the favorable view of things, and the answer to the suit will not be diminished in its usefulness by the unfavorable view. But as the important question in both cases depends on such facts as the amount of territory in the reserves, the relation of present supply to demand, and the average life of producing wells in the various districts, it is calculated to leave the minds of the public to find conflicting representations authoritatively issued from the same corporation.

The public cares little which of the parties to the pending suit is to win; but it has a decided and immediate interest in best are the most prosperous will districts. learning whether the view of the gas supply officially promulgated by the President of the Philadelphia Company, or that sworn to by its general manager, is the correct one.

WHITNEY'S WEAK BOOM.

There is a marked endeavor on the part of certain New York cotemporaries to inspire life into the William C. Whitney boom. It is presented as a happy solution of the strife between the partisans of Cleveland and Hill, with an evident desire to represent Mr. Whitney as the man ney has not the overwhelming prominence or the universal popularity that underlies the demand for Blaine.

superintend that department while it built some modern vessels. Beyond that his ous business. national reputation consists of introducing at Washington the Juxurious enter-

Presidental ambition. If a President were elected by the votes of the guests at Washington banquets, Whitney might cherish well-defined hopes. But not even the wealth which supported this luxury would be sufficient to extend those feasts to the entertainment of the whole nation. Besides which it is somewhat notorious that the policy of that wealth does not include giving the common people the opportunity to feast on terrapin and im-

ported wines. It does not look at present as if there will be any need of a dark horse for the Democratic party. If there is, however, either Boies, Pattison or Russell will represent more real eligibility than the rather Luculian and decidedly monopolistic Whitney.

THE BANQUET AND THE FUTURE. In the brilliant success of the Chamber of Commerce banquet last night we see the beginning of the united movement for the development of the utmost possibilities of the future Pittsburg. The prominence given by this event to the work of the Chamber; the evidence presented of the magnitude of the interests comprised in its organization; the testimony as to the aid which it has afforded to the striking progress of the past decade; and, finally, the presentation of the magnificent objects to be attained in the future, were duly set forth. All co-operate to point to the greater results that are to be won for the community by the concerted efforts of all classes, and to the presence and availability of the Chamber of Commerce as the organization for uniting and directing the effort.

Of course, the history of Pittsburg's growth in the past, the record of the work done by the commercial body, and the speeches representative of the various industries, brought out many details that may seem to be ignored in this statement of its results. But they all really converge on the same point. Mr. Miller's contrast of the inception of the iron industry a lifetime ago with the present reality incites reflection on the means by which this marvelous growth can be kept up and even surpassed. Mr. Kelly's summary of the work the Chamber has done points out the means by which that work can be enlarged and expanded in numberless directions. Mr. Pitcairn's statement of the wonderful expansion of railway traffic indicates the marvelous effect which the increase of transportation facilities and the introduction of competing lines has in the multiplication of business for all interests. The goal to which all these factors rightly understood direct our attention was indicated by Mayor Gourley's suggestion of the million population mark, which with united effort and a full development of our possibilities can be reached and passed before the time which the Mayor set for it.

The immediate work for Pittsburg, in pursuance of this line of policy, was forcibly presented by Mr. Dravo's speech. In setting forth the immensity and economy of transportation by water; the prosperity secured to other countries by the development of internal waterways of the highest class; the harmony which really exists between canals and railways by relieving the latter of their slow traffic and multiplying that of the higher class: and, finally, the definite and yet almost unlimited gains to be secured to Pittsburg and Western Pennsylvania by the construction of the canal to Lake Eric, Mr. Dravo did not understate the subject. He

kept the great possibilities of the project within the limits of fact, and yet he made it the converging point of the whole banquet. It shows how the industries represented in the other speeches can be strengthened and expanded, how the past record of growth can be continued and surpassed, and how the present prosperity can be extended and placed on the most perma-

This presents the benefits of the banquet 1 25 in positive shape. It brings before the public a body already an active agency in the advancement of public interest. It shows the magnificent foundation for the future of the city in the greatness of our industries. It gives us all convincing evidence of what can be done by the concentrated effort of a community of activities and powers, and finally it puts before the public the definite and immediate objects which if secured will bring with them a future outshining even the bright

achievements of the past. With such an auspicious inception of the work of extending the power and usefulness of the Chamber and directing public energies into work for the public good, it is not too sanguine to recognize in it the beginning of a new and greater era of advancement. As one of the speakers referred to the future of the Chamber of Commerce it is pertinent to say that the future of the Chamber is the future of Pittsburg. With the work commenced last night steadily kept up, both will prove to be beyond the conception of the present,

WAGES AND PROSPERITY.

Our esteemed cotemporary the Labor Tribune develops a theory that the iron manufacturing districts which have cut down wages in their mills have subsequently lost business and become wellnigh extinct as factors in the iron trade. There seems to be an inference on the part of the Labor Tribune that the wage reduction occupies somewhat the relation of cause to this effect, although that idea is not stated more positively than in the following paragraph:

The inference is that when a region be comes thus notorious it is an indication that the mili business is in process of leaving that region, and it is only a question of time when the mills will be abandoned. On the other hand, the regions where wages are The New England States are almost deserted as fron producers. Years ago it was in those States that the chipping away of mill wages was the rule, and at that time this was the reduction rod that was held over other mill regions. Of late the Eastern Pennsylvania companies have been following the New England reduction policy, and judging by history the Eastern Pennsylvania mil region will cease to be a mill region except a change to bracing up in the matter of wages shall come over the practice of mill

We believe the fact stated to be indisputable enough, although we think that the apparent inference is built upon a for whom the Democrats yearn as the Re- slight confusion as to which is cause and publicans do for Biaine. But unfor- which effect. It is hardly tenable that busitunately for the Whitney boom the Hill ness leaves a district because wages are refight has so little left of it that a com- duced, nor is it practical to suppose, as promise candidate is not by any means a suggested in the last line of the above exnecessity. If the need did exist, Mr. Whit- tract, that a process of decay would be arrested by raising wages. Tile wage reductions in the sections named have undoubtedly been an indication and ef-Mr. Whitney was a very respect- fect of the departure of the business; and able Secretary of the Navy. 'He exhibited | the fact that the dwindling has kept up the administrative capacity necessary to indicates that wage reduction alone is not enough to furnish the factors of a prosper-

The point is not less important viewed in this light. The magnificent record of tainments of millionaire society in New | Pittsburg in sustaining wages at the same York, and replacing the simplicity level for years proves the stability and of hospitality suited to moderate firmness of the conditions which have kept means with diamond-back terra- the iron and steel trade prosperous. This pin and champagae flowing like shows how directly each mill worker is inwater. A record like this is hardly foundaterested in maintaining the factors of prostion enough to sustain the fabric of a perity. Every discrimination in transpor- ing struck.

tation is an influence against his wages. Every gain in the ability of Pittsburg to obtain material or ship products is a factor in favor of them. With this principle established the laboring element, as well as capital, can see its direct gain in joining its solid force in favor of every enterprise which will add to the general prosperity.

BLAINE'S HE VITH NO OBSTACLE, The publication of the opinion of Dr. Pepper, of Philadelphia, as to Mr. Blaine's health is one of the significant accompaniments of the Blaine movement. The declaration by one of the highest medical authorities that the first statesman of the nation is suffering from nothing worse than a slight nervous strain would be a matter of keen public interest at all times; but at present it is invested with the fate

of a political campaign. It has been very clear that the one bstacle to Mr. Blaine's acceptance of the comination was the question whether his health would permit it. The publication of the opinion not only shows that there is no obstacle to his candidacy from his physical condition, but his willingness to let the public know it practically indicates a readiness to accept the logical result. With this point authoritatively settled, it is not too much to say that Mr. Blaine is already practically in the saddle as the Republican leader for 1892.

COLD WATER ON THE PROPHETS, The phenomenal duration and persistence of the rainy weather have at once stimulated and confounded the weather prophets. Some of the cult are claiming

verification from the fact that they predicted a stormy May, but as the kind of storms they predicted is exactly the sort that did not occur they are not much better off for their claim.

At present the long period of rains suggests to the public mind that it is about time to clear up. The New York Herald, which occasionally draws a Delphic species of forecast from the meteorological conditions, indulged this hope on Thursday morning by predicating "a turning point for the better" on the state of the weather throughout the nation, with an assured outlook for a gradual rise of temperature. Considering that this prediction was followed by the storms and chilliness of Thursday and Friday, we fear that the obstinate elements have determined to destroy our cotemporary's

reputation for meteorological omniscience.

It is observable that the officer in charge of the weather bureau station in this city vesterday committed himself to a prophecy that the season of storms is over. Let us sincerely hope that he will have better luck with his prediction than those who have preceded him.

A MISSIONARY is authority for the statement that many colored Americans in Sierra Leone are slave owners. This is hardly encouraging for the general progress of human

PRESIDENT HARRISON is reported to have remarked, "I do not believe that individual disappointments will control the convention at Minneapolis." There is much wisdom and truth in the belief, but to be complete it should be supplemented by the assertion that individual ambition will be equally poweriess. The individual ambition is a solitary and therefore weak matter, but the number of individual disappointments will in the aggregate have a good deal to do with the nomination.

IF the Democratic vote of New York were entirely dependent on the liquor mea Hill would receive a more solid support than he will get as things are.

PITTSBURG enjoyed itself hugely in a epresentative or vicarious manner at the Chamber of Commerce banquet last night The result of the gathering only an enlargement of the Chamber, but the inauguration of an era of real united pal activity. There are plenty energetic individuals in Pittsburg, and it is about time that they should learn to pull together for the city's benefit.

WOMEN are to the fore at religious and political conventions just now, so they are not neglecting leap year in any way.

HILL's cowardly haste in leaving the senate to avoid committing himself by a vote on Senator Stewart's free silver resolu tion makes it surprising that he has an dacity and nerve enough to keep his name before the public as a Presidental aspirant

BLAINE has just had his photograph taken in New York. It will be useful for campaign transparencies.

OIL is an excellent thing for smoothing roubled waters. But the English Govern ment is likely to have some trouble about its action with the Suez Canal directors in granting permission to transport oil in buik through that calm waterway.

THERE appears to be something shipshoo about the vanished treasurer of the Journey men Horseshoers' Union.

LADY orators are likely to be little en couraged to make campaign speeches by the ecision of the New York court against Anna Dickinson in her suit for payments which she alleged to be due from the Repub lican National Committee.

OF course Harrison is in the fight to a finish. The only doubt is as to when he will cknowledge the finish.

THERE is an impartial testimony to the public belief in the actuality of the Blaine boom in the way in which the Democratic organs are beginning to jump on Blaine and represent Harrison as a much injured man

THE weather was not bad enough at Washington yesterday to save the Pittsburg players from defent. ALLEGHENY county officials are in a

quandary. They know what they want and hey know they will not get it, and they do not even know what they will get. Theirs is an ignorance far removed from bliss

KAISER WILHELM'S navigable balloons would make excellent residences in the Mis sissippi valley. THOSE seven hundred delegates who are

to present Blaine's name with one voice at Minneapolis cannot begin to practice too soon. Enunciation in chorus needs a great deal of training to be thoroughly effective

LIGHTNING arresters on electric cars do not obviate the necessity for occasiona spotters. INDIANA Republicans have come into

line with the vast number which believes that the Presidental nomination should go to the man best fitted for it, rather than

PERHAPS the Reading master may be able to teach witnesses to talk. ANOTHER 25-cents advance in anthracits

coal at the season when fuel is naturally cheapest testifies to the vigor with which the combination policy cheapens the neces saries of life to the masses.

THE Tuesday Night Club does not find Friday an unlucky day.

A MAJORITY of the Presidental booms now affoat seem to have been unwittingly provided with lightning arresters, so that their owners are free from the danger of be-

Why Elkins Failed to Remove Blaine From Harrison's Path-Holding Conferences With Local Politicians-Will Start for Minneapolis on Tuesday.

"Why is it that Secretary Elkins has not ment at Washingt been able to get Blaine out of Harrison's ington, D. C.: "That reminds me of the story of Brer Coon, Brer Possum and Farmer Jones' dog." It was in Senator Quay's room at the

Duquesne Hotel yesterday morning. There were a number of visiting statesmen present discussing politics and things generally, when one of the party asked the question about Elkins, and the answer came from the most notable story teller in the room. "What's the story?" came in chorus, and there was a drawing up of chairs and an air of expectancy, "Well, Brer Coon lived in a tree near the home of Brer Possum, and both were close to Farmer Jones' cornfield. Incidentally I may say that Farmer Jones

QUAY'S COON STORY.

had a big black dog with a reputation for being the best coon dog in the State, and the dog had a personal acquaintance with the principals in the story. One day Brer Possum had a talk with Brer Coon, and coaxed him to make a visit that night to the corn field. 'Co'n's good, shore's yo born,' said Brer Coon, but dat dere low down brack deag uf Jones' he prowl roun' like he wuz a hant.' 'Nebber yo min' de brack doag, Brer Coon,' says Possum, 'jes yo lebe him tumme—I fix de brack doag. I'm a fitin' Pos'm, I am'; and so Brer Coon was induced to go for corn. They hadn't been in the field long before they heard the barking of the black dog coming closer and closer. 'I doan' lik dat soun, 'I doan, 'says Brer Coon. 'Doan' yo pester, Brer Coon,' said Possum, 'Jes vo kip yo good eye on me.' 'De co'n's powerful sweet, Brer Possum,'answers Brer Coon,'but I bleeve dat I dun eat bont nuff an' ef yo doan min', Brer Possum, I'll jes mosey on t'ords der hill.'

The Possum Luid Down to Rest. "At that moment the black dog put in an appearance and there was a fine race for the woods. Brer Possum got out of wind and suddenly laid down, curled up and pretended to be dead. The black dog smelled of him, was fooled and went on after Brer Coon and there was a fight and Coon was pretty well chewed up but got off alive. "Next day Brer Possum came around and Brer Coon reproached him with treachery and cowardice. 'Yo see, Brer Coon,' explained Possum, 'It wuz dis a-way. I'm fitin' Pos'm sure nuff but awm powerful ticklish. Et runs en de tambly, en when Jones' black dong done stick hes noze 'gin mah hide he tickel de meenus' way ebber I know'd an I jes hadder lav down en kurl un en laff an ef hadn't been for dat I done lik dat black door suan!" "

The Senator came up early from his home at Beaver and was soon closeted with Chief Brown. Then Hon. George Lawrence and ex-Legislator Billingsley came and dis-cussed Washington county politics. Later ex-Speaker Graham, J. Morton Hall, Samuel C. Grier, ex-Controller Graham, Major Lew Brown, State Treasurer John Morrison, ex-Collector Warmcastle and others dropped in and held conferences. National-Delegate that is-to-be Storey, of Cambria, came Inter and arranged to go to Minneapolis with the Allegheny delegation. The Senator spent the morning in talking about the legislative contests, and after that attended to some business in connection with his railroad interests. He returned to Beaver on the 1:40 train. He will return to Pittsburg to-morrow and will spend the day here and then go to Washington. He leaves for Minneap-olis Tuesday or Wednesday.

Blaine's Name to Be Presented. During the morning, in answer to a question whether Blaine's name would be preented to the convention, he replied: "Yes; I think it will be presented by about 700 delegates at the same time." He added that while Blaine was not a candidate, that would not stop delegates from nominating him. He thought nine-tenths of the dele rates were for Blaine, and said: "I suppose, however, that it he is nominated unani-mously he can hardly refuse. I never heard of any man refusing the nomination for the idency of the dominant party after it and been made." "Did you read President Harrison's inter-

view?" "Yes, but I think that is manufactured stuff like that which has been going over the

ountry for some time past." A number of Western Pennsylvania Republicans visited Beaver during the after-100n. The Senator regretted his inability to attend the Chamber of Commerce banquet, but said previous engagements prevented him from being present.

PERSONS PROMINENT.

AMBROISE THOMAS, the composer, has low seen his 81st birthday.

COLONEL JOHN R. FELLOWS, of New York, is lying seriously ill at a hotel in Helens, Ark.

SECRETARY FOSTER and a party of riends left Washington last evening for a few days' fishing off Cape Charles. CHARLES FRANCOIS FELER, the Belgian artist, paints with his toes. He doesn't do this as an eccentric fad. He hasn't any

arms. MAJOR FRED C. AINSWORTH was yesterday confirmed by the Senate as Chief of the Reward and Pension Office of the War Department,

LADY COLIN CAMPBELL is not only an expert fencer, but knows how to kill a salmon or hand a trout as well as any fisherman on a Scotch river.

GENERAL WEAVER is once more upon he stocks as a Presidental candidate, but as he is of a hopeful and long-suffering disnosition, it is not supposed that he will falter much under the infliction.

DR. WILLIAM T. COUNCILMAN, the Professor of Anatomy at Johns Hopkins, and an eminent authority, has accepted the Professorship of Pathology in the medical

school of Harvard University. FINAL arrangements have been comdeted for President Harrison's trip to ochester. He will leave Washington this morning at 7 o'clock on the Pennsylvania Railroad arriving at Rochester at 7 in the evening.

AMONG the public benefactions of Mr. T. Jefferson Coolidge, the new Minister to France, are \$40,000 for a public library in Manchester-by-the-Sea, his country h and \$115,000 for the Jefferson Physical Laboratory at Harvard.

REEPING CHURCH AND STATE APART.

The Methodist Protestant General Conference Acts on Educational Questions. WESTMINSTER, MD., May 27 .- The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church referred to the Committee on Communications a resolution protesting against the appropriation of public funds for sectarian institutions. It states that the approprintion of any public funds, State or Fe eral, however collected, to any church, school, charity or institution under the cor-trol of any religious denomination or sect i an improper diversion of public money an n improper diversion of public money and iolates the rights of every American

violates the rights of every American citizen.

A resolution was adopted tavoring the passage by Congress of the amendment now before it prohibiting the States from passing laws respecting the establishment of religion, or to use the property or credit or money raised by taxation for aiding in any way any church, religious denomination or way any church, religious denomination or any institution which is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control.

Geneva College Honors.

BEAVER FALLS, May 27 .- [Special.]-The eleventh annual commencement of Geneva College was held to-day. The salutatory was delivered by E. W. Marlatt and the valedictory by T. M. Stater, First prizes were awarded as follows: Decamation, R. H. Martin; oration, J. H. Springer; rhetoric prize essay, R. H. Martin. The prize tor prize essay, R. B. Martin. The prize for general excellence was equally divided be-tween J. A. Biackwood, sophomore, and Lenord Thompson, freshman. A special prize of \$25 was awarded to W. H. Cox for winning at the preliminary oratorical con-test. The classical honors of the class of '92 were conferred on T. M. Stater and E. W.

Central America United at Last. SALVADOR, May 27 .- The Central American dlet to-day signed the Treaty of Union and dissolved.

JUMPS ON UNCLE JERRY.

His Crop Reports Cenounced by an Exchange That He Has Ridiculed. Sr. Louis. May 27 .- The Local Cotton Exhange has sent the following open letter to Secretary Rusk of the Agricultural Depart-

lished purporting to be from General Grant to Roscoe Conkling, relating to the latter's Hon. J. M. Rusk, Department Agriculture, Wash-DEAR SIR-Referring to the publicity you effort to make General Grant a candidate for the Presidency a third term, said: have given our exchange in your official report from the Department of Agriculture, Wall street, New York, visited Columbus as dated April II, 1893, page 134, we beg respectfully to make the following reply: guest of Ernest MacMillan, President of the

The attack made upon this Exchange by The attack made upon this Exchange by the Government in this official document is in reply to a protest issued by this Exchange in promulgation of guesses or estimates from your department. In this report you used the following: "This so called Exchange is located in a State which produces little cotton and consumes less; that the New Orleans Cotton Exchange says: Missouri has one cotton mill and consumed 1528 bales of cotton in 1891," but for a little forwarding eastward it might as well be located in any town ward it might as well be located in any town in Western Kansas that has telegraphic facilities."

This comes from ignorance or malice. On that date this Exchange in the Southern States, excepting New Orleans. You seem to be laboring under the impression that to be a great cotton market we should be great consumers of cotton. Last season 309. 273 baies were consigned to this market and sold here while the total receipts amounted to 732,301 bales. This season we have received up to date for actual sales here 302,145 bales, while actual receipts amount to 758 815 bales, making 406 622 bales of through cotton, and of this about 100 000 bales are handled by our own merchants.

The unwarranted attack on this place as a The unwarranted attack on this place as a

The unwarranted attack on this place as a cotton market is unbecoming a Cabinet officer. You stand as a friend of the farmer, and yet before the crops are gathered you herald to the world in your April report that your guesses of the cotton on the plantations will make a surplus over and above the world's wants of over 2,000,000 bales, and down goes the price in every market of the world, and your friends, the farmers, are the sufferers. he sufferers.
You express a great desire to tell the exact truth "as you have done, and tell it sea-sonably." "truth that is known," you say "to every buyer in Europe and America." That is just what we object to. Your truths seem especially fitted for buyers in Europe and America, and not for the "producers of cotton."

We call your attention to the following market letter from Chicago, published in the Post-Dipotch, referring to grain: "The price to-day has been more or less influence by reactions of the monthly dodger. This Government report comes out to-day giving conditions of the growing wheat plant which at present is only a healthy growth of grass above the ground. The report is valueless at this senson of the year, and the sooner trade and farming cor year, and the sooner trade and farming com-munity realize it the better. It has already ruined the export business, as our big crops are heralded over the world in advance of the facts and the foreign buyers hold off." The report of our Government on crops has an untold weight in England and Europe, simply because it is an official re-port. At home it is losing credence more and more every year, and yery few conport. At home it is losing credence more and more every year, and very few con-servative merchants base any calculation For the Board of Directors of St. Louis
Cotton Exchange. HENRY W. YOUNG.

A BIG COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

In Unknown Donor Gives \$100,000 to Aid Columbia's Woman Annex. NEW YORK, May 27 .- [Special.]-The closing exercises of Barnard College, the women's nnext to Columbia, were held in the college his afternoon. The first graduations will e next year, when the senior classes will graduate with Columbia. The announcement was made that \$100,000 had been give to the college with which to erect college

to the college with which to erect college buildings. The gift was made under a number of conditions, all of which the college trustees have agreed to. One of these was that the name of the donor should not be made known at present.

The college is to purchase a site for the building within 1,000 feet of the lands lately purchased by Columbia College, or to secure a long lense on such a site: is to have its temporary charter made permanent, and is a long lease on such a site: 1s to have its temporary charter made permanent, and is to begin the erection of a recitation hall within four years from date, and allow the donor to name the hall. Treese conditions being carried out, the \$100,000 is to be paid over in four annual payments of \$25,000 each, the first payment to be on June 1,1833. Another gift of a \$1,000 scholarship in the de-

NEW POSTAGE RATES PROPOSED

That Don't Favor Semi-Weekly and Tri Weekly Publications. TON. May 27.-A bill fix

rate of postage on semi-weekly and triweekly publications mailed at certain free delivery offices was authorized to be favorably reported by the House Committee on Postoffices to-day. It provides that the rate of postage on newspapers, excepting of postage on newspipers, excepting weeklies and periodicals not exceeding two ounces in weight, when deposited for delivery by carriers, shall be uniform at 1 cent each. Periodicals weighing more than two ounces shall be subject, when delivered by carriers, to a postage of 2 cents each. In cities of less than 20,000 population, having free delivery offices, semi-weekly and tri-weekly publications may be delivered by carriers upon payment by the publication of the property of the property

ered by carriers upon payment by the pub-lisher of the pound rate of postage there upon, as provided for weekly publications at letter carriers' offices. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS WANTED.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church Tak ing Steps in That Direction. as well as the school, A special session of MEMPHIS, May 27 .- At the opening of the umberland Presbyterian Assembly yesterday morning, the report of the Committee

n Education was read. It contends for the maintenance of denon inational institutions as absolutely necessary, and shows that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is doing as much or more in this way than any other church in proportion to its means and membership. It was adopted. The Assembly adjourned sine die

THAT \$67,500 OKLAHOMA GRAB.

Only Three of the Many Chiefs Signed th Agreement With the Lawyers. CHICAGO, May 27.-Colonel J. M. Lees'r ort detailing the investigation made by him relative to the alleged frauds committed by attorneys on the Arapahoe and

Cherokee Indians has been forwarded to Washington.

The report contains the testimony of many of the chiefs of both tribes, who claim that but three of the chiefs signed the agreement to pay the attorneys \$67,500 for securing the sale of their lands to the Government.

TRYING O'SULLIVAN AFTER DEATH The Iceman's Friends Are Still Pushing th Matter of His Appeal,

CHICAGO, May 27 .- It is understood that lecision by the Illinois Supreme Court in the case of Iceman O'Sullivan will be sought by his relatives, notwithstanding his death. The novel ground is taken that until the case is finally decided his property is under a possible Hen for court costs.

The Supreme Court decision, it favorable to O'Sullivan, might be of service to Coughlike and Burke in preventing the long delay necessary to periect their appeal.

Bottlers May Deal in Any Liquor. PHILADELPHIA, May 27 .- An important point in the Pennsylvania liquor license law was decided in Common Pleas Court to-day A test suit had been brought by the Law and Order Society against W. J. Leber, the holder of a bottlers' license, to prevent him from bottling anything except malt liquors, the society holding this to be the intent of the law. Judge Bregy decided that a bottler against the society holding this to be the intent of the law. Judge Bregy decided that a bottler again under his license bettle liquor of any

Independent Oil Producers Meet. WASHINGTON, PA., May 27 .- [Special.] - A adependent oil producers was held in this independent oil producers was need in this place last night. The result of the meeting can only be conjectured, as those present refuse positively to give anything out for publication. It is supposed the meeting was held to take some action in regard to the Crescent pipe line. Among those in attendance was T. J. Vandergrift, of Pittsburg.

can, under his license, bottle liquor of any

Diphtheria Closes the Erie Schools, ERIE, May 27 .- The Erie Board of Education has finally succumbed to the popular clamor and has closed the schools during the present diphtheria epidemic and rainy weather.

The First L Train in Chicago. CHICAGO, May 27 .- A successful trial trip was made on the Alley Elevated Railway to day with a train bearing 310 passengers. It was the first "L" train ever run in Chicago,

SOCIETY IN DIPLOMACY.

THAT GRANT-CONKLING LETTER.

How He Got an Alleged Copy.

ing his stay in Columbus he was a trequent

be made, but insisted that it should not

A FLAG PRESENTATION.

Response by Dr. McCord.

Jr. O. U. A. M., took place last night. The

remarkably well. The exercises were

opened with prayer by Rev. F. R. Farrand,

"hen followed a chorus of children "Red, White and Blue" and "America.

Among the notable numbers were "Bogle Man" and "That's What the Wild Waves

The proceedings were brought to a close

by the singing of "America" by the antience and the benediction by Chaplain McGuire. The members of the committee in charge were Messrs. W. R. Willinde, J. L. McElhanov, C. H. Mason, George G. Dyer and J. W. Holmes.

FX-SLAVES AS SLAVE OWNERS.

When They Get to Liberia They Forge

Their Former Bondage.

NEW YORK, May 27 .- [Special.]-The bark

Liberia, Captain Rogers, which arrived to-

day from Monrovia and Sierra Leone, com-

time of 75 days. This includes the time of

return to America. He spent 15 months in

Sierra Leone. He has not acquired a high

Mr. McCullough says that much rum is im-orted into Sierra Leone, and that as the

ported into Sierra Leone, and that, as the natives absorb it with the doctrines of the missionaries, the results of the conversions are not always agreeable to contemplate. Many of the colored Americans who stay in Sierra Leone call themselves Europeans, and when they get prosperous buy slaves to increase their wealth. The Portuguese and the colored Americans treat their slaves with greater harsiness than any other slave with greater harsiness than any other slave.

with greater harshness than any other slave

owners. The native Airican is usually spoiled by a European education. The Liberia brought several boxes of pythons

IT HAS DISRUPTED A CHURCH.

Phe E dinpore Normal Feud So Bitter Tha

Factions Will Not Take Communion

ERIE, May 27.-[Special.]-The fight be-tween the trustees of the Edinboro State

Normal School and the citizens over the

summary discharge of Prof. J. A. Cooper,

has about wrecked the Presbyterian Church

the Erie Presbytery will convene in Erie

soon to inquire into the state of the church.

In March the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rose, an

In March the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rose, an-nounced communion services to be held March 7. At the instance of seven of the elders the pastor withdrew the announce-ment on account of the disturbed state of affairs in the church.

On the day following 81 members of the

church protested against the action of the seven elders, and asked for an investigation

edest" of the elders. Since then things have gone from bad to worse, and the session has now decided that the bitterness which fills the hearts of the laity has unfitted them to

partake of the communion, and by unani-mous vote have requested the Presbytery

FERMENTED WINE ONLY

Declared by Southern Presbyterians to Be

Proper at Communion.

Hor Springs, ARK., May 27 .- At the Gen

eral Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian

Courch this afternoon the wine question

was taken up. The majority and minority

reports were submitted on that question,

the majority report declaring "fermented

grape fuice the proper scriptural element in

administering the Lord's Supper," while the minority report declared that "unfermented

Juice" the proper element.

Dr. Boude moved the adoption of the ma

Dr. Boude moved the adoption of the ma-jority report. Elder Buchamp moved as a substitute the minority report. Dr. Cecil offered a substitute to the whole matter, that the Assembly decline to make a deliv-erance upon the question since the proper elements have been well known from time immemorial. Dr. Cecil's substitute was lost. The minority report was also lost. Rev. Mr. Sloan offered a substitute that it is the judg-ment of this Assembly that the scriptural

ment of this A-sembly that the scriptural element is the juice of the grape, whether fermented-or unfermented. This was lost. The majority report was then adopted.

DEATHS HIRE AND ELSEWHERE.

General Abel D. Streight.

General Abel D. Streight, famous as the

General Abel D. Streight, famous as the leader in the historic scheme for escape from Libby prison, by which 108 Union officers gained their liberty, died at his nome in Indianapolis yesterday morning of Bright's disease, aged 63 years. He had been hopelessly iil for several months. The claim of General Streight to the conception and execution of the tinnel plan at Libby prison has been fiercely disputed, but up to his death he reliterated that he alone was the originator of the scheme. General Streight was a life long Republican and was beaten for the nomination for Governor after a bitter contest in 1889 by Albert G. Porter. He was quite wealthy.

Obituary Notes.

MOST REV. J. J. MARCHAL, Archbishop

HERR FORCKENBACK, Burgomaster of Berlin, died Thursday from the effects of a stroke of apo

pressy.

STEPHEN RIDGELY, a prominent business man and citizen of St. Louis, died Thursday afternoon. He was over 86 years of age. He had been a resident there since 1839, and for several years represented his district in the State Senate.

F. A. BEE, for many years Chinese Consul at San

Francisco, dropped dead on the street yesterday. He went to California from New York in the early

days and engaged in building telegraph lines. He was at one time attorney for six chinese con panies. He was 76 years old.

Bourges, France, is dead.

of the unchristian acts of six of the

to come quickly.

and monkeys.

and four are returning Americans.

W. Holmes

The Man Who First Published It Explains Brilliant Audience at the Duques Theater to Watch a Performance by NEW YORK, May 27 .- W. D. Brickell, prothe Tuesday Night Club-Concert by prietor of the Columbus Evening Dispatch. was seen at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-day the Philharmonic Society-Decoration and in regard to the letter recently pub

Day Luncheon. The performance of "Diplomacy" at the Duquesne Theater last night by the Tuesday Sight Club was a marked success, and prob ably the best amateur work ever done in "Last May George Shepard Page, of 69 this city. The full cast was as follows: Julian Beauclere, Mr. Frew; Henry Beauclere, Mr. Arter; Baron Stein, Mr. Blair, Count Orloff, Columbus and St. Louis Gas Company. Dur-Mr. G. A. Howe; Algie Fairfox, Mr. Scott; Markham, Antonie, Mr. C. M. Brown: Shenherd. visitor at the Disputch office, and during one Mr. Page; The Counters Zicka, Mrs. McKaig of his calls showed in the office a letter The Marquise De Rio Zares, Mrs. Gormley; Dora, Mrs. F. P. Sproul; Lady Henry Fairfax,

of his calls showed in the onice a letter which he claimed was an original and gennine letter from General Grant to Roscoe Conkling. Those who were in the office at the time recalled having seen the letter, and, as near as all could judge from the signatures of Grant under his picture, concluded that the letter was genuine.

"Mr. Page allowed a copy of the letter to be made but insisted that it should not be Miss Edith Cole; Mon, Miss Spang.
"Diplomacy" is a most cleverly structed play and the story is absorbing om beginning to end. Not for a moment till the close of the Instact does the way of "Mr. Page allowed a cppy of the letter to be made, but insisted that it should not be published at that time. When asked how he came by the letter Mr. Page replied: 'By a combination of luck, strategy, and questionable methods,' and that was one reason why he did not want it made public at the time. He added that if the letter was ever published—and he supposed it would be—the public would excuse the questionable methods employed, which preserved so important a bit of history.

"The letter was copied and handed back to Mr. Page, and the copy put away and almost forgotten until my return from New York, when, in looking for some other papers, I came across it. As Mr. Page is now dead, I thought there could be no objection to the letter being made public, and, without a thought as to its political bearing, I concluded that it should be published to round out the life of General Grant. No politicians were consulted in rezard to its publication; and, as for Mr. Foraker, he knew nothing about it.

"Mrs. Page, now living at Summit, N. J., distinctly remembers her husband showing the letter. She is now searching among his papers to find it. If there was any forgery we did not know it. We took the letter for what it was worth, believing it to be genuine." escape for the innocent heroine appear. It was so well acted last night that none of the ntense interest of the play was lost. The whole performance was even, and showed the benefit of thorough and numerous re learsals. The most important parts tell t Mr. Frew, Mr. Arter and Mrs. F. P. Sproul, and admirably did all three acquit themselves. Mr. Arter's interpretation of Henry Beauciere could hardly be improved upon, so easy, natural and yet dramatic was it. The painful conclusion of act III which brings the instand face to face as he is forced to believe, with his bride. which brings the husband face to face, as he is forced to believe, with his bride's treachery, was delicately and truthfully handled by Mrs. Sproul and Mr. Frew. Mrs. McKalg in the very unsympathetic role of the adventuress, the Countess Zicka, was brilliant at times, and the very difficult scene wherein she is entrapped into confessing a contemptible crime was her strongest, while Mr. Arter carried his share in it with a dry and delightful humor. Another clever impersonation was that of the rather shady but tolerably innosent Morquise by Mrs. Gormley. A really remarkable piece of high-colored character work was the Ravon Stein of Mr. Blair. From his accent to his makeup he was the doubtful diplomatist to be found in every European capital, and it is hard to tell whether his English or his personality were the most deftly disguised. Miss Edith Cole looked charming as Lody Fairfax and her vivacity made a rather indistinct character interesting, and much the same remark applies to the drawling diplomatic subaltern impersonated by Mr. Scott. Mayor Gourley Makes an Address, With

The third annual flag presentation to the soho school by John Grey Council No. 249, the drawling diplomatic subaltern imper-sonated by Mr. Scott.

The scenery of the Duquesne Theater never looked better than with the special never looked better than with the special stage settings hast night. For these things and the loan of the entire theater the Tuesday Night Club was indebted to Manarer Henderson, and as a mark of their recognition of the obligation, the club presented President Manager McCallough with a handsome diamond pin before the play began. A Pittsburg theater has never contained a more distinguished audience than that which graced the Duquesne has night. The ladies appeared without bouners and there were many handsome and claicorate toilets, including those displayed behind the footlights, several of which were be autiful. It rained bouquess upon the stage after every strong scene, Mr. Blair being one of the first to be so honored, and the applanse was hearty. The entire parquet was filled, lag, a very handsome one, was presented by Mayor Gourley and received by Dr. George T. McCord. Both gentlemen made neat addresses appropriate to the occasion. Besides the main business of the evening there was a well-arranged programme of pupils of the school acquitted themselves Man" and "That's What the Wild Waves Are Saying," by chorus; "Silgo," by Miss Alice Kober, with Miss May Kober playing the accompaniment; the recitations "The Ship of Faith" and "E Pluribus Unun," by Miss Mame McRoberts; a violin solo by Miss Agnes Zitterbart, and the song, "What Will You Take for Me, Papa?" by Ida Heatley, a diminative but exceedingly bright maiden. The Crescent Mandolin and Guitar Cinb rendered some catchy selections during the evening.

was hearty. The entire parquet was filled, and a large part of the balcony also. Ar the Linden Club last night there was a very pleasing concert by the Philhar-monic Society and Fleming's Spanish Orchestra. Prof. Thomas F. Kirk was in gen eral charge of the concert, and it reflected onsiderable credit upon him. The arrists that took part were Madame Maude Hart ley, contraito: Miss Tillie Mackintosh, soprano: Mr. Charles Corcoran, baritone; Mr. E. A. Wall, clarionetist; Mr. H. A. Rogers, oboe, and Mr. Charles F. Cooper, 'celloist The accompanists were Miss a. M. Milis and Mr. Magk Porritt. The spanish Gronestra repeated the good impression it made when it first appeared under the direction of Prof. C. W. Fleming.

THE one hundred and second free organ ecital is to be given in Carnegie Hall, Allegheny, this afternoon. Mr. H. P. Ecker, the city organist, has prepared a good programme, which includes the following organ pleted the round trip in the unparalleled numbers: Priests' march, from "Athalia, discharging and taking on cargo at the two Mendelssohn; Andante from Merkel's West African ports. Among the Liberia's passengers were the Rev. A. McCullough, of sonata: overture to "Massanlelle," Auber: Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodie No. 2 adapted for the organ; "Thou Beautiful Evening the International Missionary Society, and his wife, whose ill health induced him to for the organ; "Thou Beautiful Evening Star," by Wagner, and Wely's Offertoire; Fantasia from "Bohemian Girl," and a postlude by Rink. The vocal selections will be "The Sallor's Prayer," and Aria from "La Traviata," by Mr. C. C. Corcoran, and Behrend's "Gift," and the well-known old Scotch song, "Caller Herrin'," by Madame Harticy. opinion of either the American negro or the educated African there. Several of the Liberia's colored steerage passengers are native Africans coming here to be educated,

THE managers of the Centrel Young Women's Christian Association, 421 Penn | houses, call for substantial remasts disputch avenue, announce that they will not serve luncheon on Decoration Day. The luncheon is provided for the women of Pittsburg who eed regular accommodation, and not for strangers. It is anticipated that there will be a great many visitors to Pittsburg on Monday, and the association might have more patronage than it desires, while the gers say the serving of meals to wome employed in stores, offices, etc., seems to b employed in stores, offices, etc., seems to be appreciated. There are more and more attendants every day, and another dining room will have to be opened. It is evident that the association has hit upon a way of supplying the proverbial long-felt want.

ROCERETO'S (Hays Post No. 3) band, will give a lawn sete and concert at Silver Lake Grove Monday, June 6. The members of the band intend to purchase new uniforms, and the proceeds of the fete will be devoted to ert and the Royal Italian Orchestra for

MRS. W. G. PARK gave a luncheon last Mss. W. G. Park gave a luncheon last evening to H ladies and gentlemen. Jack and hybrid roses were the decorations, a large bouquet being placed at each plate. After the luncheon the entire party were the guests of Mrs. W. G. Park at the Daquesne Theater to witness the performance of "Diplomacy."

Cams are out for the marriage of Miss Sadie Young, daughter of Mr. and Mr. Joun Fleming, of Sewickley, to Mr. George Thômas Ghriest Tuesday evening, June 7, at the Sixth U. P. Church.

The New England lunch given yesterday by the ladies of the First Unitarian Church was a great success. Lunch will be served

MR. CLEVELAND'S POSITION.

THE friends of Mr. Cleveland have con tainly no reason to feel otherwise than grat-ified with the result of Wednesday's conventions in every part of the Union .- Baltimore Sun.

In many respects the action of the New Jersey Democratic Convention is the most significant event of the present popular novement for Mr. Cleveland's nomination -New York Post. NOTWITHSTANDING Mr. Watterson's sturdy

fight against a New York candidate, Mr.

Cleveland seems to have the advantage over any other man in Kentucky's delegation to Chicago.-Cinc matt Commercial Gazette. Ir is apparent that the sentiment of the Democrats of the country is for Cleveland. his stumbling block is New York. He mus carry that State if nominated or his candidacy will be hopeless,-Philadelphia Inquires It is very evident that the Democratic party cannot escape Cleveland. The talk about somebody else goes on, but all the while the shadow of the Man of Desting

the Kentucky Convention, Mr. Breckinridge schoed the opinion of the Democratic masses when he said that no other Demo cratic candidate could more surely be elected than Grover Cleveland.—Philadelphia Record. Ir Mr. Cleveland, in spite of his opposi tion, should be made the candidate of the convention, Mr. Hill may adopt a mentra

spreads over the party.-New York Advertises

In spite of the doubt that was infused into

attitude and leave to those who rejected him the duty of electing, if they can, his preferred opponent,-New York Commercial WEDNESDAY'S conventions add 92 to the number of delegates to the National Demoeratic convention already chosen and bring

that number up to 60. Of these, 451 are in structed for Grover Cleveland, or chosen under such strong terms of preference for him as to leave no doubt that they will vote for him.-Albany Argus. Driven Insane by Strong Tea,

CINCINNATI, May 27 .- Maggie Martin,

-Gipsies originally came from India. -The savings bank was invented by a

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

elergyman. -Porterville, Cal., has an apricot tree

5 feet 1 inch in circumfere -The Government Weather Bureau has

ust attained its majority—that is, its Tist -The Colorado exhibit at the Chicago Fair will be surmounted with a solid silver

> -A human skull turned up among the nail matter in the New York postoffice the other day. -It is claimed that the plump loveliness

of the Turkish ladies is due to eating bester flavored with rose leaves. -A wagon bearing a big sign, "Family

washing by the pound," is frequently seen on the streets in Buffalo, N. Y. -In 1835 a tame elephant could be bought in India for \$225. At the present time the prices range from \$700 to \$4,000.

affont is the City of Pekin owned by the Pacific Mail Company. She cost \$1,000,000. -Southern California produces 180,000,-000 oranges a year-not enough to give three oranges to each inhabitant of the United

-The Baptist University of Chicago is to have a new gymnasium, a sum of \$200,000 having been appropriated for its erection and equipment.

is not very difficult, but it is the only one the Eskimo ever learns. -It has been noticed that when a woman

by Andrews and his raiders in their dash oward Tennessee April 12, 1862, has been re-mired and will be brought to the World's -A crazy Louisiana negro a few days are

formed a white colonel that he had best killed a man and desired to be hanged for it. The colonel promptly got a rope and hanged him. -What will be the largest electric loco-

horse-power, and will make his trial trip in a few months. -Tuesday, May 24, was the ninth anni-

as well as in other things. Twenty thousand words have been added to the English language in the department of be since Darwin's discoveries. -A man has lately turned up in Los Angeles, Cal., who was reported drowned at

horseshoe over his door, as he said, for good heek, and during a storm a few days ther lightning struck the horseshoe, de-solishing the house and depriving him of -An Indian has been elected a delegate

call attention to the fact that they should be when sufficiently civilized. -Every stag that falls in a Scottish forest, it has been calculated, costs the lesses from £35 to £50; but, as what is termed "butcher's useat," these animals, if pixed on the market, would not yivid to those who kill them more than sixpence per pound.

and a tail. It resembles a passy cat about the forebead and cars, but its no e is dis-tinetly that of a rat, while its tail is not very dissimilar to that of a lox.

-A costly wardrobe is owned by one of the Chinese Ministers, whose magnificent and varied tollettes have driven the society

cultivating the art of dining for nothing Bands of them, it is said, now enter eating them and then refuse to pay the bill. Who the landord remonstrates they threaten blow up his establishment with dynamite. -An English firm has invented an in

dinary clock is so adjusted that at the de-sired moment a spring is released, permit-ting a pair of pivoted contacts to fall into mercury cups, thus completing the circuit. -Two laborers engaged in repairing gas mains at Madison, Wis., were overcome by gas last Sunday, and would probably have died had they not been discovered by three

university girls. The young wome withstanding that they were elegan red, jumped into the ditch and res -The experiment of frightening a man to death was lately tried with perfect success. A man fiving in Wellington, Kan., was

Lydlich, Dorset, was observed a few days ago to be in great agony, and eventually dashed its head against the walls of its shed, breaking its neck. On examination is live stacke, two feet long, and six young ones also two water mews (Triton Cristatu-were found in its throat. It is supposed that the animal swallowed the reptiles while drinking from a tarn.

peculiarity of dreams the other day. One asserted that he had gone to sleep when the clock commenced to strike a certain home and by the time it had finished had awak meantime he greamed a dream that would take several minutes to relate. The other take several minutes to relate. The other commented on the peculiarity of a dream where the dreamer takes part in a conversa-tion and can hear the words of the man he is talking to, furnishing the ideas for both sides of the dialogue.

PUCK UP TO DATE,

Manager-You can easily get att amateur com-

I were a mail.

Mr. Keene For instance?

Mrs. Keene When I pass a milliner's window and think how happy I could make my wife by giring her a new bonnet.

with a good voice to sing in a church choir. Juck Lever It is a greater snap to stay at home and read the Sunday papers, Lena Lotos But, just think how dehasing that is oral tone!

Jack Lever Great Casar! What do you call sing ing in the choir? "Are you sowing your lawns with fresh

eed this year?"
"No. It's too expensive." "reed isn't expensive."
"No; but it costs money to employ a man to pull up the things that sprout from it. Patient-Doctor, let me know the worst Doctor (absent-mindedly)-Your bill will be \$200 Mr. Job Lott-Did you see Slowum about

that bill again? ctor-Yes. Mr. Job Lott-Did be put you off as usual? Collector-Nop. Put me off the place, this

(Us fellers who mus' hustle for a livin',) And it 'minds us that things were al'us sich "To him that hez a goose, a goslin shall be Old Otard-This wine always has at

"I don't believe that dove will ever come back," said Mrs. Noah, after the bird had down

out of sight.

-Mariners report that the fastest ship

-It is said that the Eskimo alphabet has only five characters; that the language itself

asks to be taken to the silk counter she

speaks in a much louder tone than when she asks to look at the calico remnants. -The famous locomotive "General," used

otive in the world is being constructed at Baden, Zurich. It is to develop 1,500 to 2,000

versary of the opening of the Brooklyn bridge. During this period the number of persons traveling over the bridge has averaged 40,000,000 a year. -The law of evolution works in language

Ningara Falls. His life was insured for \$25,000 by an Eastern company, which sum was paid to his relatives on the report that he -A St. Louis man not long since nailed

to the Republican National Convention from the Indian Territory. Indians are not voters, but this action is probably meant to

-There is a curious looking animal in South Africa that looks for all the world like a piece of toast with four legs, a head

belies wild with envy. The celestial digni-tary never appears at public entertain-ments twice in the sume costume, and his silk and satingarments are valued at £30,000. -Paris Anarchists are now diligently

genious device for turning on the currents for electric lamps at a certain hour.

blindfelded and placed in a coffin by a party of men. When the commune to fire was given they discharged in the air, while one of the number tapped the victim on the head with a stick. The man died instantly. -A cow belonging to Mr. Levi Mogg, of

ened and heard the last stroke. In

Manager-Your play is marvelously good, Its one fault is that it is beyond the ability of me ompany. Drammist-Then how can I ever get it pro-

Mrs. Keene-There are times when I wish

Lena Lotos-It is a great snap for a man

We read of forchuns bein' left the rich.

exquisite bouquet. Young Hyson I should Judge so from the ness

this city, a young girl who lived with a widowed mother, was sent to the asylum for the insane yesterday. The girl's con-dition is attributed to the excessive use of "Then why in goodness didn't you send the canary?" said Mr. Noah. "We could have spared it."

-Two men were heard talking about the