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# TWELVE PAGES

## SIGNING THE SCALE.

The good news from the West telling of the signing of the iron and steel wage scale by prominent firms there doubtless marks the beginning of the end of the delay here. When this is accompanied by the announcement that one of Pittsburg's leading steel firms has signed the steel scale and notified its workmen that the July vacation cannot be guaranteed, the public naturally inclines to the belief that the industry is not in such a precarious condition as some would have it appear. The fact, too, that all the Western firms demanded the waiving of the summer rest clause indicates that there are sufficient orders in sight to guarantee a busy season all along the line

of this industry. Yesterday's Western break in the manufacturers' ranks gives hope that the final settlement will be reached before or at the appointed time. The only cloud on the industrial horizon in this district is the alleged determination of one large firm to wage war against organized labor. The announcement that imported special police and Pinkertons are to be employed-this, too, without a sign of violence from the labor element—is to be deplored. THE DISPATCH hopes that the rumor is unfounded, and trusts that peaceful and harmonious methods only will be used to settle the pending dispute.

## THE FRENCH SCANDAL.

That reported scandal from Paris with regard to the sale of the plans of French fortifications promises to assume international proportions. The confession of Greiner, the clerk in the Ministry of Marine, that he soid the plans to Captain Borup, a military attache of the United States Legation, who in turn sold them to the German and Italian Governments, is one that cannot be ignored or overlooked. Under ordinary circumstances such an accusation against an officer trained in the strict school of our army would be unworthy of notice. But in this case the assertion is too definite to cast aside. The testimony of a confessing official can ignored, even though it places itself under suspicion by undertaking to state what Captain Borup did with the plans after they had passed beyond the knowledge of Greiner, who makes the corfession.

Of course, to the accusation is proved. our Government cannot too completely disayow or too severely punish such an unwarrantable tampering with the secrets of a friendly nation. But there should be clearer evidence than the assertion of a self-confessed scoundrel before a man of honorable position is disgraced for life.

# THE TALK OF GRESHAM.

The possibility of Gresham as a Third party candidate has loomed up somewhat lately, but is still very indistinct. The factors against his nomination are double: first, his refusal to accept the sub-treasury and soft-money crankisms of the People's party platform; second, his private circumstances. On the other side are the facts: first,

that leaders in that party have been urging him to say that he will accept, with a full knowledge that the acceptance would carry a repudiation of the crazy elements of that organization; and, second, that the labor element are proposing to raise a fund to carry on this campaign. - If things should result in bringing Gresham actively in the field wit h the nomination of the Indianapolis Convention, there might be some very interesting and unforeseen results to the campaign. But the fealty of the Farmers' party to the sub-treasury idol, and Gresham's own declaration that he is not to be considered a Third party candidate, make it very improbable that this disturbing factor will interfere with political calculation. The latest talk of Adams, of Colorado, as the Omaha candidate, with Van Wyck and Donnelly as composing the field, reduces that political element to comparatively slight importance.

# NO OUTLET FOR THE SILVER MEN.

The threatened bolt of the free silver men has not materialized very strongly as yet. Mr. Patterson, of the Rocky Mountain News, is the only one who has proceeded to overt acts in that behalf by bolting the Democratic ranks. Other Colorado Democrats will be slow to follow his example when they reflect that such a bolt can do no one any good except the Republicans whose position is practically the same as that of the Democrats on this subject. The free-silver Republicans have an equally cogent discouragement against bolting their party for the same reason. Possibly the silver men might mark their disapproval by having a stated number of Democrats go over to the Republican party and the same number of Republicans join the Democracy. But they are deterred from this formal protest by the fact that as this would injure neither party neither would care a snap for it.

By the action of the conventions the free silver issue has been thoroughly removed from the campaign. Both platforms permit the hope of the restoration of silver by international agreement and a readjusted ratio. The Republican platform is a little more liberal in this respect than the Democratic; but both candidates present an equal guarantee that no free coinage bill will obtain the Presidental signature for the next five and a half years.

utter futility of any rebellion on the part | and local character as compared with

of the free-silver men in either party. There is some talk of a general seces into the People's party, which would indeed permit the dissatisfied silver men to stand on a platform suitable to their ideas. But the utmost that the People's party can possibly effect is to get a few electoral votes and throw the election into the House, thus insuring Cleveland's election. When the dissatisfied Democrats perceive that this method of punishing their party would make its success certain, and the dissatisfied Republicans comprehend that their revenge would simply elect the opposition candidate, also an anti-silver man, they will see the necessary conclusion that their only course is to grin and bear it. This makes the tariff the only great issue of the year, and the friends of protection must rally all their forces in defense of that policy.

## THE WORK OF COUNCILS.

Councils prepared for their two months vacation by polishing off arrears in short order yesterday. A large number of ordinances were hurried through with a spurt as well as the resolutions dealing with the payment of contracts. The most important among the measures dealt with were an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the Neeld farm and resolutions instructing Chief Bigelow to close options on land around Highland Park amounting

The unnecessary size of the Neeld farm for poor farm purposes and the high price to be paid for it have already been pointed out as objections by THE DISPATCH. But the city had spent so much time over the exposure of earlier jobs that it was to some extent cornered and had to choose between this property and nothing. It is at least satisfactory that the selection has Mayor Gourley's approval and that this purchase is less by one half than the exorbitant prices originally asked for other poor farm property.

With regard to the Highland Park resolutions it is evident that Chief Bigelow has done the best he could for the city in this matter as in all else that he has undertaken for the park systems. The earlier the city gets into the field the cheaper will it be able to purchase any land that may be required. Whether this enlargement to Highland Park is to be made or not will of course remain an open question until next year's appropriations are submitted. If the state of the city's finances should warrant the enlargement of the parks the options will prove useful. If, on the other hand, further park improvements cannot be obtained without increased taxation the matter must be dropped, and the options will at least have done no harm.

### INFANTS TO THE REAR.

A tendency to exalt the juvenile members of two prominent families in the coming campaign to a position of undue influence makes the suggestion exceedingly pertinent that the babies shall be kept in the nursery. The keynote of the disposition to run the campaign on infantile principles was struck in a set of rhymes which appeared last week, representing Baby Ruth Cleveland as ordering Baby McKee to get out of the White House, More than one manifestation of this class of idiocy is unnecessary to convince people that if the campaign is to be placed above the level of utter drivel the infants shall be left to take their sustenance in retire ment.

Of course, there are some weak justifications for the tendency to make the national campaign a competitive baby show. On the theory that politics is simply a struggle for pap there is a species of poetic fitness in fighting for it under leadership of the innocent and undeveloped class to which that sort of sustenance justifiably represents one of the main objects in life. The infantile idea also is in harmony with the class of arguments which are apt to flourish in Presidental campaigns, and precludes any necessity for supposing that the American people have cut their wisdom teeth. If we are satisfied to keep the campaign on the level of infantile mentality the infantile leadership may be ap-

But, inasmuch as the campaign involves principles and policies which require the exercise of sober and mature judgment, it will be well to give prominence solely to arguments and considerations addressed to fully-developed minds. Let the babies, Presidental and otherwise, be cared for in that retirement which is most healthy for them.

# HOW FAR DOES IT REACH?

The decision by which the use of the trolley is forbidden to the Philadelphia street railroads may have a wider interest than to that city alone. The decision is reported to be based on the ground that the law providing for changes of motive power on street railways is unconstitu tional. If that is the case, in what position does it leave our numerous traction com panies? Did they change their motive power under this law? If not, what law are they operating under, or are they conducting their operations under no law at

It would be interesting if the courts should find out that the street railways cannot adopt a new motive power after they have been demonstrating that they can do it for two years and more.

ONE COMBINATION CONVICTED. All the prosecutions against trusts and combinations are not perfunctory and futile. A case was terminated in Lockport, New York, the other day where the usual combination, alleged to be an "exchange," was under indictment for a conspiracy in restraint of trade. The evidence showed the case to be an ordinary one of an agreement for fixing prices, pro-hibiting members from selling below stated prices, and prescribing penalties for violation of this rule. Upon this showing the jury convicted the members of the exchange of conspiracy, and while the case will go through the long course of appellate proceedings, a very decided characterization of a very usual business

policy has been authoritatively made. A significant indication of the times is afforded by the course which capital adopts in view of the decisions against it. Every time a case involving a combination to restrain competition has reached a fair trial before courts of authority the illegality of all such decrees has been declared in the most unmistakable terms. Yet the corporations keep right on, secure in the notion that an appeal to a higher court justifies their continuance in the course of law breaking. When the ultimate courts decide against them there is a pretense of obeying the decision by a reorganization which carefully preserves the illegal feat-ure. The law is unmistakable, the declarations of its principle by the courts are unswerving, but aggregated capital, owing its creation and preservation to the law seems to have come to the conclusion that

it is greater than its creator. oil will obtain the Presidental signature or the next five and a half years.

The peculiarity of the situation is the be obtained against combinations of small

those of national scope and offending. This is, of course, simply a measure of the greater power to fight the case through ne courts commanded by the great combinations. But even that statement of the advantage which wealth has before the law is sufficient to set men thinking of its departure from the ideal justice where rich and poor are supposed to be exactly equal.

JUDGE GRESHAM is said to believe that the Third party is the party of the future. Either the opinions of that party must hange and assume definite and other shape or there must be a great alteration in the beliefs of the nation before that prophecy can come true. The People's party is certainly not the party of the present, and whatever showing it makes this year will be to its own disadvantage as well as to that of the nation.

EXPRESS robbers are a progressive set of gentlemen. One of them has made use of a safe deposit company's vault to secure his boots.

Northing could be more dignified than General Clarkson's withdrawal from the Chairmanship of the Republican National Committee, and his outspoken declaration that he will work hard to support the ticket of his party shows the position that all true Republicans will take. He and they place their party and their country's interests be-fore their individual preferences for this or that man to represent them.

ONE of the advantages of living in Pittsourg is that it is an easy place to get out of on high days and holidays.

IF Doctor Mary Walker should have her way and be placed in charge of a costume department at the World's Fair it is safe to presume that the doctor would by most risitors be looked upon as the most inter sting feature of that particular exhibit.

PITTSBURG ball pitchers never play their est until they have been discharged from the Pittsburg team.

SOCIALIST organizations in America have two reasons for elaiming recognition as a political party. They have no end of internal dissensions and their members are continually accusing one another of being boodlers.

THE third railroad wreck of the series is anxiously awaited by superstitions persons desiring to travel.

PATRIOTISM is an excellent and desirable thing, but the premature explosion of fire-crackers in the streets is somewhat of an nnoyance to the nerves. Enthusiasts might at least wait until the Fourth arrives.

COUNCILS are to take a rest, and the city will be at peace for a little more than two

SENATOR GORMAN is suffering just now

from a superabundance of criticism. Some

is unmanly to strike a man who is down to ch a depth as Gorman. PITTSBURG's ball players may have high

aspirations, but they do little to realize

nonotony. When there is no revolution on hand there are earthquakes or something of that kind just to keep things going. PAY your water taxes within three days

MEXICO is certainly not cursed with

r lose the five per cent discount thereon. PROBURITIONISTS in convention at Cin

cinnati cannot afford to overlook the brewery war which is expected to reduce beer to three cents a glass at St. Louis. JUNE promises to establish an unsavory

reputation as a month of sudden deaths. CAMPBELL will make it his special busi-

odest enough in Illinois. ANOTHER prize fight is over attention returns to politics. THE block system on railroads will be as

faulty as any other if the conditions of ser-

ness, as Chairman of the Republican Na-tional Committee, to see that Stevenson is

vice be such as to leave its actual working to the care of blockheads. As an inspiration for fervid invective

Tammany is unequaled. IT is easy enough to suggest remedies and preventives for railroad accidents, but the difficulty lies in getting the railroad com-

panies to adopt them.

THE House was surprised by the presence of a quorum vesterday.

THE House yesterday passed the general deficiency bill. But there is a general deficiency about this Congress that will not pass unnoticed.

THE Southside is indulging in a festive turn just now.

THERE should be plenty of education in this year's campaign. The better the facts are known the stronger is the case for Pro-

# MUNDANE METEORS.

PRESIDENT ROBERTS, of the Pennsylvain Railroad has started for Europe JOHN G. WHITTIER is said to be colorblind, but the same charge was brought against Homer. Mr. Whittler probably isn't worrying much about it.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, now the national "Boss" of the Democratic party, first came into public life when he was appointed corporation counsel by Mayor Wick

POULTNEY BIGELOW, who with Frederick Remington, the artist, was recently expelled from Russia, was a school friend of the German Emperor, by whom he has always been well liked.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON, is another of the many Kentuckians who have become promi-nent in public life as citizens of Illinois, among whom Lincoln, Yates, Browning and Ogiesby are the most famous. Douglas was a native of Vermout and Grant of Ohio. MRS. MCKEE will not accompany Mrs.

Harrison to the Adirondacks this summer, but will spend the season on the Massachusetts coast instead, either at Marbichead or Nahant. She has already gone to Boston to join her husband in a preliminary survey. Ex-EMPRESS EUGENIE of France, will

spend a part of the present summer at the Castle of Arenberg, in the Canton of Thurgan, near Constance. Napoleon III spent a part of his youth at the castle, and the people of the neighborhood tell many stories of PRINCE ALEXIS, of Russia, missed the

last train that would reach the Derby in time, and telegraphed a polite request to have the races delayed, as he was exceedingly anxious to see them. When he arrived at the Derby, however, he found that the races had come off as a matter of course. THE venerable James W. Bradbury, the oldest living ex-Senator of the United States, recently celebrated his nunctieth birthday at Augusta, Maine. He is exceptionally well preserved physically as well as mentally, his form being as erect in his advanced age as one of the pine trees of his

The Indiana Commencement Implanta, Pa., June 27.—[Special.]—This is commencement week at the State Normal School. Last evening Bishop Whitehead, of Pittsburg, delivered the baccalaureste sermon. Wednesday morning the annual meeting of the alumni will be held. In the alternoon come the exercises of Class Day, and in the evening the students will present the opera, "Little Tycoon." Thursday is Commencement Day, with the alumni reunion in the evening.

## A LOOK AROUND.

The novel readers are saying that this is a season without a book, meaning by this that there is nothing strikingly good among the summer's crop of fiction. These views are borne out by the book men, who are unable to name a story which is selling well. Surely somebody is due with a tip-top good thing of an all around nature. By the way, what has become of that Anglo-Indian story alluded to by Kipling in one of his sketches, and which was spoken of as being on the stocks a year and more ago?

SPEAKING of Kipling, I met a young

ady not long since who saw consider of the erratic young giant killer during his onth's visit to the family of Dr. Taylor, at Beaver. The young author did not make a particularly favorable impression among the American girls whom he met here casually. They found him disposed to have grievances on slight grounds. Although at that time Kipling was not a lion, he was dis-posed to roar like one. He did not like American social usages, and did not hesitate to discuss them adversely. Onc he went to a reception where he met an extremely bright young lady, in whose witty comments and breezy views of the universe, its inhabitants and its laws Kipling took great pleasure. She was one of those who were aiding the hostess to receive, and naturally had demands upon her time from other guests. She gracefully excused herself and turned Kipling over to a less brilliant entertainer, and the immediate result was that he became sulky and silent like a boy when he finds another fellow be-fore him in the parlor of his best girl. He declared afterward that the proper thing to have done under the circumstances was for the indy to devote herself solely to his enter-

To A young gentleman of Beaver, in speaking in regard to himself and his liter-ary future, Kipling took an extremely modest view of his own merits. He thought he had a career before him and he said, as near as my informant can remember his words: "I have some special knowledge which is of value because it is new to Europe and America. I shall not attempt to use any of this material for mere pot boilers, for I cannot bear to think that my matter will carry where my manner will not. However good my story may be in itself I shall always give it the best of my attention. I have been kindly treated so far by European publishers, and some of them have encouraged me by kindly comments. I shall do my best to deserve the same encourage-ment in the future." All this was said two years ago, before Kipling became well known and before he reached England on what has proven to be a triumphal tour.

IT has been stated in some of the city papers that the famous agreement between Sgnator Flinn and Chief J. O. Brown on one side and Senator Quay on the other in regard to Allegheny county politics has expired by ilmitation. This is not true. The nent does not expire until some time after the 1st of January next, and none of the parties to this treaty of peace have shown any indications of a desire to arrange matters differently than they have been since the treaty was made. It is doubtful if a political agreement to which there were many parties was ever so faithfully observed by all concerned as this one has been. It is in writing and has been carefully preserved in a safe in this city.

THERE are the usual number of castles in the air at present and in addition there-unto there are hotels also in the blue. No less than three projects of this sort are in conrse of construction and it is to be hoped the buildings themselves will soon be so as

WHAT a lot of people are out of town! If you want to see a score of prominent people you will find they are away. This is rather earlier than usual for such a general

WE were talking of burglars and mid-night prowlers the other day when a well-known civil engineer remarked: "The oddest occurrence of that kind I ever neard of happened to the wife of a friend of mine in Louisville. Her husband was away one night and as she lay half asleep two men clambered in through the window and came directly to the bed. There was not light enough for her to see their faces nor could they see hers. One of the men placed his arm beneath her and lifted her up while the other man turned a faint light upon her. "My God! It's a woman!" exclaimed the man who held her, and he quietly replaced her, and then both men quickly retreated by the way they had come. There were lewels worth several thousands of dollars on the bureau and other valuables were also in the room. Not so much as a giance was given to these stealables, and it has always been a mystery what the visitors wanted and who they expected to find. It evidently was not the right house, but no clew of any

ONE hundred people killed by accident so far this month in Allegheny county! A good many notable skirmishes in famous wars have had less of a death record. WALTER.

# PROGRESS OF BUDDHISM.

A Stamese Prince Reports and Describe It-How Buddha Presched. nekok Free Press.!

During Prince Damrong's recent stay in Calcutta his Royal Highness was interviewed by Mr. Dharmapala, who gave a highly in-Pagoda a few weeks ago in aid of the Buddha Gya Maha Bodhi Society. On his arrival in Calcutta from Rangood, Mr. Dharmapala called on the Prince, who received him

"Mr. Dharmapala," the Prince said,
"Buddhism is not brick and morear; you
may spend a lac of rupees in buying up the
sacred temple, but belore you do that you
ought to prepare the way for the dissemination of the moral truths of Buddhism. ought to prepare the way for the dissemination of the moral truths of Buddhism.
Later on you may direct your attention to the temple. You should establish the headquarters in Calcutta immediately, and set to work. The road must be prepared first. To revive Buddhism in India is the best work that could be done, and you have my sympathies; and I may say that the Siamese would be only too flad to help you in this matter. Use your efforts to popularize the moral truths of Buddhism before going into the deeper metaphysics. You know how Buddha, before he expounded the pure path, preached on charity, morality and the usefulness of leading a good life, and when the mind was prepared he discoursed upon the problems of nature. You should adopt the same course. The psychology of Buddhism is so abstruse that unless the mind is prepared by simpler ethics the ordinary people cannot comprehend it, but I know this is the very thing which some of the Bhikshus do. By all means carry on your good work, and try to work in harmony with the Hindus. Concentrate your efforts on the diffusion of knowledge, for that constitutes Buddhism.

"I have watched with interest your movement, and no better work could be done."

stitutes Buddhism.

"I have watched with interest your movement, and no better work could be done. I saw the High Priest Sumangala in Ceylon, and I may say that I have hardly met so good a priest. Prince Chandrat is my brother, senior by two years. He is a devoted Buddhist, and in him you have found a good worker in Siam." good worker in Siam.

# Linen Dusters for a Cold Day.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, i
Democrats will bet a great deal of money on Cleveland this year, and most of the will be wearing linen dusters in January in

# Gray Had a Run of Luck.

Chicago News.] Ex-Candidate Gray, of Indiana, says he did not desire the nomination for the Vice Presidency. We congratulate Mr. Gray on

The Weevil in Ohio Wheat Fields, ZANESVILLE, June 37. — [Special.] — The weevil has made its appearance in the Muskingum county wheat fields and is doing great damage. Unless the weather turns warmer and dry much of the crop of this county will be ruined.

Plenty of Time to Think Yet,

It is now just 186 days before the Presidental election. This will give ample time for the doubtful voter to make up his

# NO PREE TRADE FOLLY.

The American People Will Continue to Thrive Under Protection's Banner.

This year the Democracy is denying nothing of its real position on the tariff question.

In former campaigns it made a pretense about protecting industries while raising revenue, but this year it drops the mask completely delease services the completely, declares against the protective policy and for a tariff for the sole purpose of revenue. Not merely that, but the Demo-cratic party expresses the belief that the

revenue. Not merely that, but the Democratic party expresses the belief that the Government has no right to levy a tariff with any other object in view than procuring revenue. It prates about the high prices of necessities due to the tariff and intimates that luxuries should pay the whole of the necessary indirect taxes.

There may be some difficulty in deciding what are luxuries and what necessities, but it is fair to assume free trade standards will be adopted in settling the question. American workingmen habitually use atteles that are considered luxuries by the pauper laborers of Europe, such as tea and coffee. These luxuries will have to bear a good bit of the burden of raising revenue. Not being produced in this country to any extent the revenue is rendered certain. Meanwhile clothing, stoves, carpets, agricultural machinery, in fact all the great lines of manufactured goods must be admitted free or at much lower rates of duty because they are necessities. The free trade Democracy would never see its mistake until the wages of American labor were so low as to pronibit the purchase of the luxuries from which it is proposed to raise revenues and the importation and revenue would stop together, leaving the free traders the necessity for raising revenues from necessities. Happily it is not necessary to contemplate raising revenues from necessities.

Happily it is not necessary to contemplate the possibilities of such a time. This country is not going to fool with free trade. It will continue to thrive and prosper under protection as no other nation of the world has ever prospered. The workingmen will vote the honest Republican tieset in November.

# WHISKY STORED IN CATADOMES.

Prohibition Officers Are Baffled in Saloons in Creston, Iowa.

CRESTON, IA., June 27 .- A lively war is going on here against saloons. The feeling has been intensified by the swearing out of search warrants by deposed Chief-of-Police Maxwell. Searches at every place where liquor is sold disclosed the fact that the saloon men have good hiding places for their stock, as but little liquor was secured. In the basement of the Devoe block is a

In the basement of the Devoe block is a saloen known as the "Catacomb," so named because of the myriad of entrances, exits, dark rooms and inexplorable places it contains for the secretion of liquora. This is supposed to be the hiding place of a carload or more of liquor, but it cannot be discovered. Last night, at 11 o'clock, two policemen hastily entered this place, presented two revolvers and a search warrant and demanded that every drop of liquor in the building be turned over to them. The proprietors told them to take it, and the two officers commenced their search, which was rewarded by finding a half pint of whisky and part of a keg of beer. Ten minutes later whisky and beer were being drunk over the counter as previously. At the other saloons they ared little better. Lively times are expected, as the antis propose to loot the saloons, while the saloon men are as determined to stay. mined to stay.

# STILL SHORT OF A QUORUM.

The House Strugging Along Until the Campaigners Get Back.

WASHINGTON, June 27 .- The telegrams sent out by the Sergeant at Arms demanding the return of absentees seemed to be productive of some little fruit, but still, when the House met, at 11 o'clock, there was no quorum. Mr. Sayres, of Texas, asked consent to vacate the order for the yeas and nays on the final passage of the general deficiency appropriation bill, but Mr. Watson, of Georgia, objected. The bill was passed—yeas, 185;

objected. The bill was passed—yeas, 180; nays, 4.

Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, submitted the conference report on the military academy bill. The conference report was not agreed to, the vote standing—yeas, 88; nays, 94. Mr. Oates, of Alabama, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the bill establishing a uniform system of bankruptcy. House calendar. The House then accorded the floor to the District of Columbia, but in the absence of a quorum no progress was made, and an adjournment was taken.

# ANTI-OPTIONS IN A SNABL,

Hard to Tell How the Senate Committee Is Going to Vote. ary Committee this morning had the antioptions bill again under consideration. There was not a full attendance, in view of

There was not a full attendance, in view of which fact no attempt was made to act finally upon the bill, and it will be further considered at the next meeting of the committee—probably Thursday.

Nearly two hours were spent at the meeting to-day in a critical analysis and discussion of the bills. So far there has been no such expression of opinion to warrant any politicians as to how the committee will yote upon reporting the bill to the Senate, and it is probable that at least one more meeting will be consumed in the discussion before any effort is made by the friends of the bill to reach a vote upon the measure in committee.

# THE GRESHAM BOOM.

THE Tribune may have its desire of four years ago gratified. Judge Gresham may ret be a candidate.-Chicago Globe. JUDGE GRESHAM is a good man. Perhand

party ticket for President.-New York Adver-Ir the nomination of the People's party is offered to Walter Q. Gresham, he will proba-bly reply: "I am a Republican."—Buffalo

THE nomination of Gresham by the Omaha Convention, if it can be encompassed, would be a great card for the Third party.—Omaka

Or course Judge Gresham will not consen to allow the Omaha Convention to nominate him for President on the platform containing all the crazy fads, freaks and isms of all the lunatics in the country .- Denver Repub-

dent Harrison's appointments will clamor loudly for Walter Q.Gresham. It will be a great stroke of "politics" if he takes the Judge out of the Presidental race and puts him on the Supreme Bench in Bradley's place.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Should Judge Gresham decide to accept the nomination of the People's party the candidate would be more than the platform. An incapable faction would have found a capable leadership. But there is no danger that Judge Gresham will lay aside his gown and put on a cap and bells even to press a thorn into the side of his enemy, Benjamin Harrison.-Philadelphia Record.

Vacation of the President and Family. WASHINGTON, June 27 .- Mrs. McKee and her two children left Washington this after noon for Beverly, Mass., where they will spend the summer. The President and Mrs. Harrison will leave here next week for Loon Lake, in the Adirondacks, where Mrs. Loon Lake, in the Adirondacks, where Mrs. Harrison will remain for several weeks. The President will spend the summer at Cape May Point, with Mrs. Russell Harrison. The latter will have charge or the cottage, and will take possession some time next week. The President will go there as often as he can, but will not take up his headquarters permanently for the summer until after the adjournment of Congress.

## DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE. Sir William Aitken, Surgeon.

Sir William Aitken, the noted British Sir William Aitken, the noted British surgeon and professor of pathology, is dead. He was born in Dundee, Scotland, his father being a surgeon of that place. In 1848 he was selected demonstrator of anatomy at the University of Glasgow, and was also pathologist of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary until April, 1855, when he volunteered for service in the army hospitals during the Crimean War. He was one of a commission appointed to investigate the nature of the diseases from which the troops were suffering. Dr. Aitken was a corresponding member of the Royal Imperial Society of Physicians of Vienna, of the Society of Medicine and Natural History at Dresden, and the hipperial Society of Medicine at Constantinopic. In 1860 he was appointed a professor of pathology in the Army Medical School. He was knighted in 1867. He was the author of a "Medical History of the War With Russia" and various other works.

Obituary Notes. SIDNEY C. PUTNAM, General Freight Agent of the Old Colony Railroad, died Saturday morning at his home in Boston. JOHN M. ADAMS, a well-known San Francisco angler and clubman, died suddenly last week on the Klamath reservation in Southern Oregon.

# CHARITY AND SOCIETY.

Philanthropic Work of the French Mission -Indiana's Normal School Commence ment-A Pittsburg Girl With a Bright

Musical Future-Gossip of Social Circles. THE Mission Francaise, of Pittsburg, had again an opportunity to prove its usefulness in the field of philanthropy when it came nobly to the succor of the poor suffering Frenchman, Privot, burnt so horribly when attempting to rescue his wife from a death by fire. The man, unconsciously a widower, s lying in a ward at the Allegheny Genera Hospital, where, if kindness, care and sympathy can restore to him his former health, that health is already an accomplished fact. The Secretary of the Mission was immediately on the spot, upon hearing of the sad occurrence, proferring aid and doing all in his power to alleviste the present distress of the un-fortunate man. The brother-in-law of Privot, Jacques, the remaining member of the little French family, through the prompt een enabled to retain charge of the house hold and its effects until the recovery of its

hold and its effects until the recovery of its owner. The case is a very sad one, as the little money laid by for a rainy day during the past 14 months they have been in Pittsburg was the means of procuring the passage from France to America of Jacques' wife and two children, who, in a sadly coincident manner, sailed from Europe on the day that proved so calamitous to their relatives in their adopted home. Privot, when he leaves the hospital, will be entirely dependent upon the kindness of friends, and particularly that of the Franch Mission, until he has thoroughly recovered. It must be generally known that the Mission has no standing fund to help in an emergency of this erally known that the Mission has no standing fund to help in an emergency of this kind, and so, whatever is done, must be done through the generosity of individual members. This, however, is only a part of the Mission's work. From a point of sentiment, its kindness is of a much grander order, for all that sympathy and even love could do to make that hospital bed, hard from suffering, a bed indeed of roses, has not been neglected by the Mission Francaise.

INVITATIONS have been received for the reek of commencement at Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania. This final "feast and flow" begins with the annual meeting of the alumni on Wednesday at 10 A. M., tolowed by class day exercises at 2 P. M. and presentation of the opera of "The Little Tycoon" at & o'clock in the evening. Commencement exercises proper will be held on Phursday morning at 10 o'clock. The illumni reunion will be in the evening at 8

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This is the entire graduating class whose motto sounds like the echo of a good old Moody and Sankey hymn, "We Psas This Way but Once:" The Misses Pearl Bash, Lucile Irene Carter, Charlotte Clark, Ada Catharine Coder, Ellen Blanche Cooper, Loretta Mary Dickle, Mary Belle Dunwiddle, Eleanor Ray Dyer, Mertewyn Elizabeth Dyess, Marguerite Jane Elder, Mary Isabel Foster, Caroline Marshall Gessler, Rosana Hamilton Gibson, Mary Lotta Hay, Anna Martha Hazlett, Cornelia Elizabeth Hile, Agoes Jennie Hill, Emma Elizabeth Hurst, Matilda Krebs, Anna Lee, Clara Blanche Lupton, Emma Lynn, Virde Monte Luyte, Jennie Blanche McCormick, Eliza McMullen, Jennie Mitchell, Sarah Evelyn Nelson, Sarah Catherine Nugent, Martha Reed Parsons, Elvira Patterson, Almyra Payne, Margarette Davis Purington, Marie Elizabeth Smith, Veima Barnes Smith, Grace Extey Taylor, Idelia Walker, Lucy Watkins, Fannie Virginia Williams, Ruth Moulton Ilfany, Flora May Trimble, Helen Wilson, Mary Agnes Work; Messr. Albert Carter, Harry David Condron, Irvin Lawson Fiscus, Joseph McDermott, Harry McConnel Tarr, Dubre Thomas, Joe Clifton Frees.

MISS GERTRUDE COSGRAVE, who make her first actually public appearance on Thursday evening, when she plays at the closing concert of Duquesne College Conservatory of Music, is considered by the servatory of Music, is considered by the servatory of the servatory servatory of Music, is considered Mr. Carl have taken her up accordingly. Her success has been marked; for Miss Cosgrave fortuhas been marked; for Miss Cosgrave fortunately continues an extremely attractive
personality with an equally well defined
ability, all of which will doubtless give her
many a helping hand in her career. A very
bright future awaits this young woman, if
she be disposed to recognize her advantages.
She will suit very well, too, as an example
of heredity, as she has a mother who was a
beauty when a girl, and is to-day a fascinating and clever woman. Miss Cosgrave is
a niece also of Charles W. scovel, Esq., the
attorney, and a recognized music literarian
of Pittsburg.

### Social chat. THE wedding of Miss Zug and Mr. King

THE engagement is announced of Miss Belle S. Ramsey, daughter of James S. Ramsey, Esq., of Allegheny, and Daniel O. Gehr, of Chambersburg.

MISS BENHAM'S marriage takes place in Point Breeze Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock to-night. The Rev. William Benham, the bride's brother, will officiate.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between Miss Mary Cochran, daughter of the late Robert T. Cochran, of Alleghenv, and Will-iam H. Woodrupp, of Auburn, N. Y. Miss Grace McCullough and Miss "Lou" Childs McLain, of Merchand street, East End, are visiting in Delaware, O.. where the commencement of Delaware College is tak-

FRIENDS have been formally informed of the engagement existing between Miss Nellie Dauler, of Oakland, and Elliott Rodgers, son of L. T. Rodgers, of Allegheny, and a nephew of Mrs. William McCreery. J. J. MILLER, Esq., and Thomas M. McFar-lane, Esq., will leave this week for Europe. On their return home, they expect to have the pleasure of Dr. Hodges companionship, who also leaves this week for Europe, but on different steamer.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH ALBREE, accompanied by their son, will leave Pittsburg for New York on Saturday, on their way to Europe. The society world of Pittsburg is rapidly being deserted, foreign travel especially making excessive inroads among the fashionable people.

THE Chancellor of the Western University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Holland, and his family le't in the evening train yesterday for New York, sailing this week for Europe, where Dr. Holland will spend a well-deserved vacation. The return will be made about the end of August in time for the opening of the university September 14.

Miss Suydam, of Ridge avenue, left last night for New York en route to Paris, where, with other Continental cities, she purposes spending the summar. Miss Suydam is one of the most charming of our society girls, and made a deep impression in several appearances of the Tuesday Night Club a season ago. Beside this, she is a clever French scholar, a language which she speaks and writes with elegance and facility equal to her mastery of the English tongue. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, of Allegheny, are her traveling companions.

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NEXT Thursday afternoon and evening an ice cream lestival will be in progress at the Ninth U. P. Church, corner of North and Grant avenues, Allegheny. It is under the auspices of the Young Men's Organization, assisted by the ladies of the church, and will be in the nature of a lawn lete. The spacious grounds in the rear of the church have been newly arranged, and with tables under the trees and lighted up with many colored Japanese lanterns it will look very inviting. As the church is within a square of the park, where Jubiles Day will be celebrated, probably the outpouring from the last will be an inpouring to the least.

# DEATH IN A CHURCH.

While the Bells Chime Above Him the Old Sexton Breathes His Last.

New York. June 27 .- When C. P. Jackson sexton of the Church of the Incarnation, at Madison avenue and Thirty-fifth streets, of which the Rev. Arthur Brooks is rector, reached the church at 10 a. m. yesterday he found several of the choir who were ahead

of time waiting outside.

"We can't get in," one of them said.

"Where's Willie?" asked Mr. Jackson, meaning the aged assistant sexton, William Garvin, whose duty it was to open the

"Oh, he's dead," was the reply, said laugh-"Oh, he's dead," was the reply, said laughingly.

The words had been uttered but a moment when Mr. Jackson, unlocking one of the doors and entering the church, found his assistant lying dead in the south aisle. Garvin had evidently been dead many hours, and apoplexy was apparently the cause of death. As his keys lay near the body it is supposed that he was stricken after locking up the church at 5 o'clook on Saturday afternoon.

noon.

He had not yet put the church in order, and there was much to do be deer removing his body in the short time that remained before the congregation assembled. The body was not removed far. It was taken to the basement, where it remained until a deputy coroner had viewed it and given a death certificate. While the dead man's body lay in the basement, morning service was held overhead. The congregation knew nothing of the death.

# CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Cosmetics cost American women 000,000 a year.

-In China cat's meat is a remedy

lung diseases. -The mines of New Zealand have turne

out \$350,000,000 of gold. -Over 5,000 murderers are believed to be

at large in Great Britain. -The best parchment used for banjos is made out of the skin of the wolf.

-A 110-ton gun can fire two shots a minute, each discharge costing \$1,375. -The only free labor bureau in England

is maintained by the Salvation Army. -The average life of the baseball player on the field is estimated at ten years. -The plumes in the helmets of the

French dragoons are made of human hair. -Victor Hugo, the famous French poet, nad as pet a cat of unusually vicious temper -In England the city of Chicago is

called "the food dispensary of the uni--A man in Maine, 84 years old, shot fom foxes in one day making a total of 40 for the

-Georgia has a mocking bird which car not only talk, but whistle almost any tune i

-In 100 years \$500 worth of pennies would be worth only \$250, so quickly does -Of the 328,000 divorces granted in the

United States the past 20 years, 316,000 were granted at the request of wives. -February is the month in which the greatest number of births occur; June the month in which occur the fewest.

-There is a man in Georgia who had his arm dislocated at the shoulder 38 times and his leg dislocated at the hip eight times. -The deepest hole in the world is bored at Schladebach, Germany. It is 5,735 feet in depth and is for geological research only.

-Some very odd single names can be found in the Registrar's office in London as "Righteous," "Happy," "Hopeful," "Obedience," winding up with a triplet of "Faith," "Hope" and "Charity." -In Switzerland the waiters not only de

not receive any wages, but must pay the hotel keepers for permission to work. They make their living exclusively from the tips they receive from the guests. -A resident of Columbus, Ind., has s game cock which was recently attacked by a buil, but in a very few minutes the bull was minus an eve. About a year ago he killed in one day 7 geese, 11 turkeys and 3 roosters. -Chicago women connected with the

World's Fair have incorporated a stock company under the title of the Women's Dormitory Association. Shares are issued at \$10 each and the estimated cost is \$150,000. -The Scandinavian races think that spirits can be driven away and witches kept at bay by a knife stuck in the house or nails driven up. These races have held from time immemorial the idea that it was lucky to find a piece of iron. -A Pottstown lady is in search of an

owner for a silver thimble which she de-clares she found imbedded in the center of a ham which she was slicing. She would also like to have some explanation of how the thimble got there. -Harvard University is spreading her not year. It is announced that examinations for admission to that institution are to be held simultaneously in no less than 2 places, including England, Germany and Japan.

-Four cities in Europe stand wholly or in part on islands. Venice is the best known on account of its historical past; next comes St. Petersburg, the capital of Russia, and the two last are the cities of Ghent and Am-sterdam, situated respectively in Belgium and Holland.

-A Frenchman recently brought 500 parrots from Brazil to dispose of in Paris. An epidemic broke out among the birds, from which all but two died. The contagion ther spread to the persons who kept them she several have succumbed to an infectiou -The ancients believed that iron, as s

metal, had great secret powers, and they

drove nails into their walls as a protection against pestilence. The Arabs, when overtaken by severe storms in the desert, cry out "Iron, iron," which they think will projitate the evil spirits who have raised the storm. theater tumbled out of the gallery and fell into the audience. He was reprimanded for

his unprofessional conduct in trying to draw attention to himself to the detriment of the stage periormance, but after promis-ing not to do it any more he was allowed to go to work again. -In parts of Massachusetts it is thought that if a girl puts a piece of Southern wood down her back the first boy she meets will be her husband. In Boston, if a mar-ringeable woman puts a bit of southern wood under her pillow on retiring, the first man she sees in the morning will, so says the superstition, be the one whom she is to

marry. -A curious book, in which the text is neither written nor printed, but woven, has lately been published at Lyons. It is made of silk, and was published in 25 parts. Each part consists of two leaves, so that the entire volume contains only 50 leaves, inscribed with the service of the mass and several prayers. Both the letters and the border are in black silk on a white background.

-In the Middle Ages every family who could afford the luxury kept a dwarf, whose could afford the luxury kept a dwarf, whose principle duties were to look as ugly as possible and to receive with equal manifestations of gratitude the chidings of his mistress and the kick of her guests. No royal court was considered complete without a dwarf, who, as a court jester, amused by his wit, or, more commonly, served as a butt for the wit of others.

-The umbrella is of high antiquity, appearing in various forms upon the sculptured monuments of Egypt, Assyria, Greece and monuments of Egypt, Assyria, Greece and Rome, and in hot countries it has been used since the dawn of history as a sunshade—a use signified by its name derived from the Latin umbra, meaning a shade. In the Orient the umbrella has been a symbol of power and royalty, and in many countries it has become part of a religious as well as a royal symbolism.

-Friday people who were in the vicinity of the Union depot were surprised to find the ground literally covered with crawfish, the ground literally covered with crawless, and it is the general supposition that they fell with the rain last night, which came down very heavy for awhile, says the Cameron, Mo.. Observer. Their appearance camenot be explained on the ground that they come up out of the earth, because for some distance south of the depot the ground is bedded with rock and covered with cinders.

Gabriel had blown a blast on the last rump, and Cholly crawled from under a tombstone.
"Deuced wacket!" he exclaimed.
"It's the resurrection," explained Gabriel.
"You've been dead, you know."
"Have I, weally? Thanks, awfully, I assuah

you. Nevah should have noticed it." Why does the maiden next to me Turn red and then turn pale?
I never saw the girl before,
And yet I'm on her trail.—Detroit Pres-Press

Featherstone-I wish you would come

and help me select some trousers, old man. Ringway—I don't believe my taste is any bett than yours.

Featherstone (hopefully)—No. But your creds.

-Clothier and Purnisher. The small boy goes to Sunday school

And he is good with reason; For little Johnny is no fool Throughout the berry season.

-New York Evening Sun

Papa (teaching little Barr his numbers)low, Barr, how much is ten times nine? Barr—Ninety. Papa—And ten times eight?

Barr-Eighty.

Papa-Then how much is ten times naught?

Barr (studying)—Well, I des ten times naught
nust be naughty.—Athanta Journal. must be naughty.—Atminia Journal.

They traversed the city from north to south,
But every Georgia Cunnel
With wise precaution insured his life.

Before he rode through the tunnel.

—Chicago Tribuns.

Husband-Wife, hand me out my Sunday oat. Wife-But, my dear, this is not Sunday; it is only

Saturday.
"I know it's only Saturday, but I'm going to attend a fashionable dinner, and it will be Sunday before I get back,"—Tema Siftings.