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CRITCHLOW'S ACQUITTAL. In the case of the Commonwealth versus Sylvester Critchlow, accused of murdering T. J. Connors, a Pinkerton detective, evening returned a verdict of not guilty. reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt, and he was therefore properly acquitted. The case was conducted with exceptional ability on both sides, and the oratory of the Western counsel for the defense may have had some effect upon the jury and on public sentiment, but it is to be pre-

cording to the facts of the case as set forth in the evidence. This acquittal is not in the least to be regarded as an endorsement of lawlessness, but simply as a proof of innocence of crime in this case. The bearing of this verdict upon the trials which are to follow is absolutely nil-except possibly in those of Critchlow on other charges-because the evidence upon which the acquittal was based was such as to apply to

this individual alone. There is every reason to hope that the impending trials will be conducted with all possible speed. Justice and humanity alike demand it. On the one hand crime cannot be punished too promptly, and, on the other, innocence demands a speedy vindication devoid of all unnecessary sus-

THE PROGRESS OF FOOTBALL.

To-day the country's rapidly growing interest in football culminates, for this season, in the grme between Yale and Princeton in New York. The phenomenal progress of the game's popularity is marked, however, less by the centralized interest which attracts spectators from all over the country to the great college game than by the countless matches of minor importance that are to be played everywhere, and eagerly watched wherever the contest is found. The delights and dangers of the sport are to some extent inseparable. But, as the players' familiarity with it is enlarged by practice, there is reason to believe that a gradual elimination of the most serious risks will ensue. It is notable already that in the college and crack teams-wherever, in fact, the facilities for prolonged practice and c reful training are greatest-the casualties are lightest. And wherever science predominates the rough and tumble play, from which the most serious accidents ar se, is reduced to a minimum.

As a winter exercise football stands unrivaled, notwithstanding the charges of over-violence brought against it. As a mental and moral training the game is not to be scoffed at. Its tactics demand thought and skill no less than courage and endurance, and the necessary obedience to rules under the excitement of action involves no mean amount of forbearance and self-control. The enthusiastic reception accorded to football and the rapid spread of its popularity have constituted it the national cold weather game, and it may be expected to continue to greatly strengthen rather than diminish its hold on the youth and sport lovers of America.

WHO WOULD GET THE INCREASE? It is one of the singular illustrations of the axes that may be ground under the pretense of tariff and revenue reform that a proposition is already being urged, with a fine show of disinterestedness, that the alleged deficiencies in the public revenue should be made up by increasing the internal revenue tax on distilled spirits by the amount of 40 cents a gallon. This, it is claimed, would increase the revenues of the Treasury \$40,000,000, and the following sum in arithmetic is offered in demonstration: One hundred million gallons are distilled annually. Forty cents per gallon is \$40,000,000, and there you are.

But to those who have followed the history of excise taxation the knowledge is general that the sum does not work out in practice. We need not go outside our own records for the demonstration that high rates of taxation do not yield either a proportionate revenue, or frequently as large a revenue in the total as the lower rate. When this Government tried to collect a tax of \$2 per gallon it secured a revenue of 40 per cent of what was returned the first year after the tax was reduced, and but little over one-fifth of what is now collected. This is not mainly due to the enlarged production under the lower rate. In the case of alcohol it is mainly the result of the high premium placed on illicit distilling. The best evidence of this is the fact that while the Government tax on alcohol was \$2 per gallon, the wholesale market rate in this country was for considerable periods actually less than the amount of the tax. This showed that enough alcohol evaded the tax to fix the market price, and of course it was ruinous to distillers who

paid the tax. While these facts make it exceedingly doubtful if the Government revenues would gain much advantage from such an increase, there is an interest whose profit would be so great as to leave no doubt whence the proposition is inspired. The Distillers and Cattle Feeders' Association. more widely known as the Whisky Trust, has a large surplus of alcohol on hand, which has for some time been a heavy load to carry. The serious agitation of a 40-cent increase in the tax would increase the demand for this article. The enactment of the increase would put 40

cents per gallon, aggregating many millions of dollars, into the coffers of the

Trust. It is to be hoped that the Democracy will be true enough to its profession of antagonism to the trusts to avoid a pretended increase of revenue under a doubtful necessity which would really mean a big profit to the Whisky Trust and no gain to any one else.

NO SUCH RESTRICTION. The possibility that Mrs. Mary E. Lease

may avenge herself on the Georgia method of suppressing free discussion by securing an election to the United States Senate has awakened a flutter among the old fogies. The general tendency is to take refuge in the Democratic theory that anything which does not suit the ideas of that party is unconstitutional. Senator Vest dismissed the subject the other day with the assertion, "The Constitution is against it." Another advocate of the same idea, while admitting that the Constitution has no specific requirement that Senators shall be of the masculine gender, calls attention to the use of a masculine pronoun in the clause which requires that a Senator must be an inhabitant of the State "for which he shall be chosen."

The use of a pronoun cannot be held to establish a positive constitutional enactment, particularly as it does not by the best usage, where employed inclusively, even imply a sex restriction. The word "man" generically used includes both sexes just as much as the word "horse" or "dog," and the best authorities state that the use of the prounoun is equally general in its rela-tions and includes "he" or "she." It is, of course, not worth while to dispute that the language was employed with the presumption on the part of the Constitution-makers that the Senators would be of at Homestead on July 6-the jury last the male sex. But the pronoun does not not make a constitutional enactment to In the face of the prosecution's failure to that effect. On the other hand the Conrebut the evidence of an alibi, the verdict stitution very clearly permits the States can come as a surprise to few. There was to prescribe the rights of their own citizenship, and guarantees their title to elect Senators possessing those rights and meeting the other requirements of the Constitution. This clearly entitles Kanas or Wyoming to send female Senators to Washington if they choose.

sumed that the verdict was returned ac-We do not think that Mrs. Lease would be a particularly useful or ornamental United States Senator, although she would compare very favorably with some members already sitting in that body. But her constitutional rights and those of Kansas, if she should be selected by that State, are not to be swept away by imaginary constitutional restrictions that are wholly the creation of prejudice.

THE FEAST OF THANKS. The entire nation to-day gives itself over to festal observance. The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the three or four that are distinctively American and representative of our national character. In its origin it was local and Puritanic; but it has spread beyond sections and creed until the whole nation without regard to religious beliefs unites in the giadness and gratitude that are the predominant sentiments of the day.

No nation ever had more justification for making a feast of Thanksgiving than ours: and none in this especial year can with better cause review its good fortunes or give thanks for its mercies. While other nations have been plagued by pestilence and famine our country has enjoyed plenty and prosperity. While the threat of war burdens the peoples of the Old World the United States continues confident and undisturbed in the assurance of peace. Abundance of crops furnishes the assurance of food and employment for all people. The good fortune for land appears not least prominently in the fact that after a heated political campaign, by which the public policy of the Government has been reversed, the whole country accepts the result with perfect confidence that the American good sense which predominates all political divisions will ensure the nation against rash and revolutionary acts by the new administrators of public affairs.

The day is the feast of plenty and the manifestation of gratitude. All should join in it. Those whose good fortune makes their Thanksgiving feast unalloyed should see to it that the less fortunate classes have on this holiday the material both for feasting and for thanks.

A FEATURE OF THE SEASON.

The meeting of Congress is the signal for the usual prelude from the organs of railway opinion urging a repeal of the fifth section of the inter-State commerce law, prohibiting pools. The concert of assurances to Congress from different sections of the corporate chorus that this repeal is exactly what is wanted is a regular accompaniment of the approach of a Congressional session; but it has one or two interesting features this year.

One is a report that the Inter-State Commerce Commission will recommend the repeal of the section. It is possible that the Commission might desire the repeal to relieve itself of an incongruous position; but the need of the railways for the repeal of a provision which the Commission has by its action steadily reduced to the value of a dead letter is not apparent. This is the status of the section under dispute. The Commission has pointedly omitted to do anything toward its enforcement. The railways have made no pretense of obeying it. The pooling business has been carried on for years by the railways with little or no attempt at concealment, and the Commission has carefully refrained from making any investi-

gations into these violations of the law. All the arguments in favor of pools predicated on the present unsatisfactor state of railway traffic, are reduced to naught by the fact that this is as much a pooling era as before the passage of the law. There was a time just after the passage of the inter-State commerce act when the railroads were sufficiently impressed with the idea that it must be obeyed. They abstained from pooling and other combinations except a simple agreement to sustain moderate rates. The result was that rates were steadier and more conservative than before or since when the combination influences were

paramount. There may be an abstract argument in favor of the repeal of a provision which is nullified by those whose duty it is to enforce it; but there is a much stronger one in favor of giving its enforcement a fair trial and then judging of its value by

WITH a proper growth of municipal spirit in the meantime a year from now should add many to this city's subjects for thankfulness. When citizens learn abandon apathy for energy with regard to the welfare of their place of residence, they and it will have an ever increasing reason for pride and rejoicing. Free bridges smoke consumption, garbage collection and cremation, street signs, some proper return for franchise privileges and the like, are only suggestions of what may be secured to Pittsburg when Pittsburgers learn to pull together for the greatest good of the great

est number. The Commonwealth and the municipality should have a claim to the citizen's energy prior to that of individual aggrandizement, and in the long run individuals will recognize the personal advantages to be derived from fostering the interests of the community. These things are sound to be realized sooner or later, and the sooner the better for each and atl.

No quarrels within the Democratic party over the distribution of office or partisan influence can damage it half so much as would a strict adherence to the "ethics" the spoils system by its President-elect.

How much there occasionally is in a name may be judged from the telegram from Boston, given elsewhere, which indicates that Governor Russell owes his election to the carelessness of Republican voters, who voted for Mr. Wolcott Hamlin, the bition candidate for Governor, in mistake for Mr. Roger Wolcott, the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Voters as thoughtless as these deserved to lose their ballots as they did.

THOSE ladies who marched out of the Ohio State University rather than suffer from its want of proper sanitation, con-ducted a strike against which no objection can properly be brought.

KING HUMBERT'S speech at the opening of the newly-elected Italian Parliament promises that the taxpayer should have no increased burdens and that reforms shall be instituted in favor of the poorer classes. Italy stands greatly in need of such things. Humbert should be warned that any attempt to increase the strength of the milisuggested, would be a direct inducement to

THERE is plenty of room for both football players and church-goers to-day. Recreation and religion are not contradic-tory and both may be made a means to the expression of thanksgiving.

THANKS to the information of Senator Peffer, an anxious world is informed that the redoubtable Mrs. Lease really has a husband, and that he is engaged in the insurance business. In the event of that much discussed Senatorial appointment, what a proud and happy man he will be who occuples the unique position of husband to a United States Senator!

THE snow falls and the pedestrian tumbles. By so doing he has a chance to test the sincerity of his friends according to the degree of mirth with which they greet his misfortunes.

No words are strong enough to adequately condemn the action of those who permit political or other passion to make them desecrate the last resting place of the dead. The disfiguration of veterans' monuments in Indiana is a disgrace to the perpetrators and any organization to which they may be long. They should be hunted down and speedily punished.

AND still, in this age of automatic door-closers, the perversity of inanimate objects ailied with the carelessness of humanity keeps many a door open that ought

THAT international monetary conference will have cholers uncomfortably brought to its attention, if cases continue to multiply in Brussels. An international conference on quarantine arrangements would be no bad thing, but meanwhile this country must take its own precautions, for it cannot afford to rely on the carefulness of others.

PANAMA canal directors are not to be allowed to choose between being called knaves or fools. The investigation will no doubt place most of them in one category or

CHINESE laundrymen in Indiana are ac cused of having used dynamite to get rid of successful rival. This precludes the charge of ultra-conservatism generally brought a ainst Celestials, and indicates progressiveness that is altogether too vio ent in its expression to be healthy.

Possibly the disastrous destruction of a onstrate to the builders some necessity for a change in workmanship or design, or both.

WHEN Toledo is not unearthing the errantry of its councilors it appears to be occupied over impertinent religious discus ons in its Board of Education. The city will profit by getting rid of municipal cor uption and intolerance at the same time.

It is to be hoped that few of to-day's players will wish that snow had been left upon the ground to break their fall, and ave the breakage of their bones.

ENTERTAINERS of one Gluttony to-day are laying themselves open to the impor-tunities of his twin brother Indigestion on he morrow.

PROMINENT AND POPULAR. THOMAS A. EDISON, who sleeps but few

hours himself, says that the man of the future may do without sleep entirely. PRESIDENT HARRISON IS fond of billiards and wields a fair cue. There is a bit. iard room in the basement of the White House, with a good table.

DR. HOLMES, having kept no record of the kind, is unable to say which song he rote first. He is under the impression that It was one of his schoolboy translations. TWENTY New York millionaires are

ready to build summer homes in Vermont if the poor farmers will promise to build good oads and to keep them in fair condition. MARQUIS CHARLES DI RUDIN, the son

f the ex-Premier of Italy, is in New York, having come to this country to take a position in the Italian Legation at Washington. M. LEGOUVE, the oldest member of the French Academy, is 85 years old. Pierre Loti, the youngest, is 43. With the excepion of ten, all the Academecians are 60 or

REV. W. FABER, for nine years pastor of he First Presbyterian Church at Westfield, N. Y., has resigned his pastorate, and an-nounced his intention of becoming a candidate for the ministry in the Episcopal

EX-PRESIDENT CHAMBERLAIN, of the owa Agricultural College, is now farming in Ohio. His property has an extent of 113 acres, and he is not such a theorist as to be anable to make a practical success of the

ARCHBISHOP KENRICK, of St. Louis. pon whom old age and physical weakness are telling their tale, has been ordered from Rome to appoint a Coadjutor, who would relieve His Grace of the entire duties of his

MRS. RALPH WALDO EMERSON'S death lraws attention to two facts: Her unmarried daughter's beautiful devotion olind parent these many years, and the undisturbed condition of Mr. Emerson's study since his death. In fact, the whole house and its furnishings have undergone little

The Editor Called the Turn From Tuesday's Minneapolis Tribune, 1

Our own Bill Erwin makes his debut at Homestead a little too late for calcium light effects, but it's dollars to little red apples that he will spring some sad surprises on those Pennsylvania lawyers before the jury retires. He will make some of them think that their early education in the red-eyed law of crimes and misdemeanors has been neglected.

Bad Year for H's.

It is a cockney who observes that the H's are getting left this year-Harrison, Halle

The Wizard's Second Visit. eston Herald. Paderewski is coming again, sailing on the 14th prox. He will be accompanied by his A LOOK AROUND.

I HAVE no idea of whom they talked nor how the subject came under discussion, but such parts of their comments as I heard amused me very much. They were two very pretty, very bright, very young girls, with sealskin collars turned up about their round, rosy cheeks, and the snap of youth and cold weather glistening in their eyes. Youth is never very charitable, but who is to make the world over again and change nature? "I don't care what anybody says," declared one with a cluster of chrysanthemums at her breast, "I do not believe a man ants what they call a strong-minded wife, who lays down the law for him and for all the neighbors. Some of these women may be smart and able to say sharp things, but you'll find that woman's home is unhappy, her husband is a scarecrow and the retorted the other, "and look at the men who have such wives; what do they look like? Why, they are perfect guys. These women's rights women seem to be afraid somebody will steal their men and so they make them dress like so many tramps. You can tell them a mile away. They generally wear little, short, bob-tailed coats like a school Boy's, and big, baggy pantaloons that are so short they show the shoetops and look for all the world like the pantalettes you see in old pictures and-" She gaspe and suddenly became silent. A man had just entered the car and sat down opposite the lively scoffer. Her words had bee ble to a dozen people in the car and all looked to see what had happened, and, looking, saw just such a man as she had de scribed. There were stray snickerings and a laugh or two. The girl compreheded it all, turned scarlet and hastily remarked: "Let's get off and walk in, May! It's lots of fun."

How did people in the olden time manage to live and think in the habitations they had? Not many weeks ago an old lady died in Hampton Court Palace in England who for 40 years or more had been one of the royal pensioners who live in ease in that loneliest of old English crown dwellings. She was the widow of Sir Somebody Gone-before and a member of that company of the elect whom Labouchere once alluded to as the "Most Noble Order of Tabby Cats." A most admirable and charming woman was she no doubt, but that is something I know not about, for it is of her from rather than herself that I would speak. She had been dead but a short time when one of the guard ians of the palace asked me in a whisper if I would like to see the Cardinal's bedroom which was not as yet open to the public. Of course I wanted to see it. Who does not want to see things "not open to the pub-lic?" Well, we were taken through an airy passage off the end chamber, where Louis the Great looks in canvas as he did in life on the lovely face by which Greuze has handed down to the later generations a knowledge of the Pompadour, and after a great unlocking of tall doors we entered the

IMAGINE a room about 12x15 feet, with lofty ceiling and the whole covering with exquisite oak carving on panels. Beyond a huge fireplace looking up a small chimney there was no opening in the room but the door. There were pilgrims and angels and prophets and apostles, yes and a sweetfaced, smoke-stained Christ in the corfield, either on the ceiling or the walls, but ventilation, means of getting fresh air or keeping from suffocation when there was a fire alight in that dark cavern under the mantel—there was none. There it was just as it was put there by the Cardinal-Minister 60 years ago, and there in a corner was the dark alcove, similar in ornamentation to the room which was Wolsey's prayer closet, also unchanged. The greatest been taken of the room by the old lady who had used it so long, said the attendant, and although some of the panels were twisted and warped at the edges and the flooring

had upheavals here and there where the narrow oak planking had parted company, it had been cleaned with intelligence and soft cloths and no renewals o 'repairs" had been permitted. It was all very interesting and very curious, but how could anyone live and breathe in it. I could inderstand that toward the end that dark room could have suited the man who built so wisely and lived so foolishly that he "was delivered in his age unto his enemies," but where did his lungs find air to pray have gone on thither near unto half a cen tury? Why, it seemed to me that the air was some left there by the English Richelieu, and I lingered an instant after the others had gone. I could fancy that some motes of lusk which moved in the dim light from the corridor gave out mutterings of Credo, Pater Noxter and sighs, all bottled up in that well preserved atmosphere, a quarter of a century after Columbus looked first upon the white waves breaking on the unknown land.

THE claim that the Art Society, of Pittsours, will have a notable place among such organizations when it comes to its own in the Carnegie art building seems quite true It will be a gathering place for those who have good wares in the market, for there can be hung for examination the pictures which will be offered for sale to the permanent gallery in another part of the same building, a gallery with an endowment fund of \$50,000 a year for the purchase of pictures, a much larger permanent fund than has any other in the United States if I mistake not. In the meantime good things will come and go on the walls of the gallery and it would be a gracious thing on the part of our wealthy picture owners, if they should combine to brighten this winter time with a show of art work from their homes-pictures, marbles, bronzes, china and bric-ahad something upon which the artists could mite for their own pleasure and that of the public-Why not try a loan exhibition? If is as successful as the last one of note it would do well indeed. Take the old market house on Fifth avenue, for example, and fit it up and see how well it would be patronized.

A PREHISTORIC MAN OF STONE.

New Mexicans Puzzled Over a Discovery That May Prove a Cardiff Giant. EDDY, N. M., Nov. 23.-A petrifled man was found in a cave in the foot hills of Guadaloupe mountains yesterday. It is now on exhibition. It is difficult to determine whether it is the remains of a white man or an Indian, indications pointing in either direction. There is evidence of great antiquity and some modern. There are imprints of sandals or moccasins on the foot, prints of sandals or moccasins on the foot, but the hair is in the modern style. It has an Indian nose but no high cheek bones.

The body was found in a large chamber with limesione walls about 500 teet from the entrance to the cave. The cave is three or five miles long, has over 100 distinct chambers and some wonderful forms of stalactite petrifications and vegetable matter. The question has been raised whether the discovery is not another Cardiff giant scheme, but all who examine believe it to be a genuine all who examine believe it to be a genuine etrification of prehistoric man.

ST. PAUL POOR PROVIDED FOR

chool Children's Thanksgiving Offerings Will Keep Them All Winter.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 23 .- As a means of teaching the children practical charity, the school principals invited them to bring some thanksgiving offerings, to be distributed by the St. Paul Relief Society. For three days the children have been carrying their offerings to school-meat, vegetables, canned goods and provisions of all sorts, as well as

goods and provisions of all sotes, as well as clothing.

The result is beyond all expectations. In three days the children have given enough provisions to last the 2,000 poor in the city all winter, and more than the city has given before in three years. The 43 schools in the city gave 172 immense wagon loads of clothing and provisions for distribution, and it is helieved the problem of carrier for the city's believed the problem of caring for the city' poor has been solved.

Getting to Be a Chestnut

Philadelphia Times.]
The reason Sait River as a political meta phor is not much used nowadays is because it isn't fresh enough.

The Style Remains the San

Indianapolis News.; Large muffs will be the style this winter, following the baseball fashion of the sumHOW RUSSELL WAS ELECTED.

Nearly 20,000 Massachusetts Voters Marked Their Tickets Wrong. Boston, Nov. 23 .- Returns received by the Executive Council from all counties in the State except Suffolk show that 19,185 votes cast for Governor in the recent election were worthless, under the Australian system. One-third of them were entirely blank-that is, with no mark whatever against the name for Governor-while the other two-thirds were rendered inoperative

by the voters placing a cross against the name of William H. Haile, the Republicacandidate, and also against the name of Wolcott Hamlin, the Prohibition candidate. the latter's name following that of Mr. Halle on the official ballot. The peculiarity of the name "Wolcott Hamlin" doubtless led thousands of yoters Hamlin" doubtless led thousands of voters to believe that when they marked first for Mr. Haile and then for the name lext following, Wolcott Hamlin, they were voting for the Republican candidate for Lieuteannt Governor, Roger Wolcott, who in reality was eight names lower down on the ballot, under the appropriate head, "Lieutenant Governor." An estimate based on the assumption that it was cicarly the intention of the voter to mark for Mr. Haile and his associate on the ticket, Mr. Wolcott, and not for Wolcott Hamlin, gives Mr. Haile a plurality over Russell, in these counties, of 10,000 votes.

AN EXTRA SESSION WANTED

By a Number of Prominent Democrats, and

Cleveland May Give In. WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 .- [Special.] - Speaker Crisp will probably eat his Thanksgiving dinner in Washington, as he is expected to arrive here to-morrow. The coming of the Speaker will be followed by a prompt conference upon the subject of an extra session Several Democratic members already here are very outspoken in favor of the conven the 4th of March. Mr. Catchings, of Mississippi, a close friend of the Speaker and a co member of the Committee on Reles with him, says he thinks it important that an extra session should be called. By num, of Indiana, is s' the same opinion, and Wilson, of West Virginia, who is said to be booked for the Chairmanship of the Committee on Ways and Means, is another advocate of the proposition.

while President-elect Cleveland is opposed to the plan, it is believed that if the leaders of his party in the House are in any degree united in favor of a prompt call for a meeting of the Fifty-third Congress, he will set aside his own views and be guided by the will of the majority. will of the majority.

WANAMAKER IN WASHINGTON.

The Postmaster General Expects to Have a Big Shop at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 .- [Special.] -Post master General Wanamakor is credited by Washington business men with a desire to conduct at the capital, after his retire establishment on the plan of his celebrated

establishment on the plan of his celebrated Philadelphia shop.

It is reported to-day—although in an unauthenticated way—that Mr. Wanamaker is arranging for the purchase of the entire block bounded by Eleventh, Twelfth, F and G streets, and on which two extensive business houses, a Catholic school and other buildings are located. The entire square, the report says, will be utilized for Mr. Wanamaker's new business venture.

OYSTER-EATING ON A WAGER.

A Newark Letter Carrier Gets Rid of 210 Bivalves in 41 Minutes.

New York, Nov. 23.—[Special.]—George E. Evans, a colored letter carrier of Newark, stonished a large crowd last night by eat ing 210 oysters in exactly 41 minutes, having wagered \$10 to eat 200 oysters inside of a

The oysters were a mixture of large and small ones and Evans ate them just as they came to hand. He swallowed the extra ten to make it good measure. Then, after pocketing his winnings, he walked into a restaurant and ordered a huge porterhouse steak, claiming that the oysters gave him an appetite. appetite.

THE PANAMA PANDEMONIUM. Nor since the memorable Wilson scandal

has France been shaken as by the agitation for the inquiry now ordered at Paris .- Brook lyn Eagle. THE revelations, if carried through, will be startling, and their effect a fearful clear

leaders .- New York Recorder. Beyone the bad odor surre scandal subsides a good many heretofore good men will be jumping around quite lively .- Harrisburg Telegraph.

ing out of the ranks of French political

Dr Lessers will come out of the Panama scandal with a clear reputation as to honesty, but with his fame as a great man bagging considerably at the knees .- Chicago

THE prosecution will reveal the true char! acters of many French publicists who have helped on the Panama Canal project because it was made an object for them to do so - Roston Herald

THE situation is a most painful one for France. It will be regarded with pain by the majority of Americans, since the French Republic is held in most friendly esteem on this side of the ocean .- New York World. Tagaction will doubtless put an end to

any further prosecution of the work on the canal for a long time to come, and it is not likely its completion will ever be effected by the French funds .- St. Louis Post Dispatch. ONE result is sure to follow-the inquiry will result in the ruin of many men whose names are familiar in French politics today; of the accused, if the charges be sustained, or of the accusers if they shall be proved untrue .- New York Herold.

THE history of M. De Lesseps makes it extremely improbable that he was knowingly engaged in any fraudulent use of the money, but neither he nor any of the other direc tors could watch closely the expenditure of many millions of dollars on this colossal indertaking.-Philadelphia Ledger. THE matter having been thus brought be

fore the public, there will be nothing to do out to prosecute the inquiry, and the final result may be the complete disruption of he canal company. The Government of the United States has been supremely wise in seeping out of this international muss. Philadelphia Telegroph,

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Mrs. Almira A. Denison. Mrs. Almira A. Denison, widow of the late W. L. Denison, died at her home, 521 Highland evenue, on Tuesday night after two years' liln She had resided in this city since 1840, and her b

Obltuary Notes.

STEPHEN W. MOSELY, a well-known druggist of Augusta, Ga., died Tuesday. He was a cousin of Adlai E. Stevenson. EX-JUDGE WALTON GARON, a prominent Republican politician and office-holder, died at Lan-aster, Ky., Tuesday. He was 65 years old.

died of heart failure yesterday morning just after returning from his work at the Bethiehem Iron Works. MRS. MARGARET HUNTER, wife of George Hunter, Jr., a prominent member of the best social circles of McKeesport, died there yesterday morning of tuberculosis, aged 23 years.

FRANK MCCUE, of Betniehem, Pa., aged 60 years,

REV. JOHN BROWN, one of the ploncer Method lat preachers in Illinois, died Tuesday. He was a native of Virginia and went to Illinois in 1836. He had been a member of the Illinois Conference since then. He was 91 years old.

REV. MR. DUPPY, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Pottsville, died yesternay. He received a paralytic shock Monday evening and lingered in a comatose state up to his death. He was born in Phi. adeip his January 1, 1856. HENRY MUHR, founder of the jewelry firm of H Muhr's Sons, of Philadelphia, died Monday night in that city, aged 77. He was born in Hurben, Ba-varia in 1815, and learned his trade of watchmaker in cologue. He came to this country in 1853. LUTHER RIPLEY, former State Organizer of

the Patrons of Industry and State Treasurer of the Farmers' Alliance, died in Lansing, Mich., Tues-day from suffocation caused by a tumor. He was one of the most prominent workers in farmers' organizations in Michigan.

OWEN DAVIS, 45 years old, a well-known con-tractor of Alliance, was found dead on the high-way three miles east of that city yesterday afternoon. The body when found was nearly covered with snow. Subsequent investigation showed that I avis died of heart disease. JOHN B. MULLIKEN, formerly General Manager

of the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad member of the Detroit Board of Public Works and General Manager of the Detroit Citizens' Street Railway Company, was found dead in bed at his residence yesterday morning. The cause of death was apoplexy. He was born in Steuben county, New York. FIRST PUPILS' CONCERT.

A Unique and Interesting Entertainment at Old City Hall-Some Thanksgiving Weddings-Other Events in the Society World.

A LARGE and fashionable audience as-

listen to a unique and instructive entertain-ment. It was the first nupils' concert, under the direction of Mr. Homer Moore. He delivered an interesting and semi-humorou address on breathing, articulation and phrasing, and talked generally about the right and wrong ways to sing. He illus-trated his lecture with three songs from St. Saens' "Samson and Delilah," which he rendered in his rich, full tones, and with a precision that was noted with admiration by his audience. The songs were "Song of Love," "Song of Vengeance," and "Song of Passion." This made up the first part of the entertainment, but, unlike most occasions of the kind, there was no tedious wait between the first and second parts, for until the singers who were to ren-der several numbers as the remainder of the entertainment were prepared, Mr. Moore gave a short biographical sketch of each of the singers, all of them pupils of his own. By that time the first singer was ready. It was Miss Guyer, who sang Dudley each of the singers, all of them pupils of his own. By that time the first singer was ready. It was Miss Guyer, who sang Dudley Buck's "Sunset" with a great deal of tasto and expression. She was followed by Mr. McGill in "Patria," by Tito Mattel, and then Miss Rhoades gave "In Dreamland," and "Eyes of Hazel." Mr. Corcoran's fine baritone was heard to advantage in Verdi's "Alzati," from "Un Ballo in Maschera," and he was succeeded by Miss Irene Sample, who sang in her own excellent way "Saintation to the Hail," from "Tannhauser." The final number was the trio from "William Teil," "When Every True-Hearted Switzer," by Messrs. Rinehart, Glipin and Sutley. It can safely be said that a more enjoyable musical entertainment has seidom been given in Old City Hail than that of last night. It is possible that Mr. Moore did not tell his audience much that they did not know before, especially those who had studied music, but he gave them trite truths in such a pleasing way that they enjoyed his words as much as if they were entirely fresh. The purport of his whole lecture was perhaps contained in one remark he made that no human being can teach singing. It can only be conferred. his whole lecture was perhaps contained in one remark he made that no human being can teach singing. It can only be conferred by God. A teacher may instruct in the tech-nique and methods of using the gift of nature, but the voice, which was the basis of

THANKSGIVING is surely as appropriate a day for weddings as any in the year. It is a day of good-fellowship and gratitude, and it makes a pleasant anniversary for the wedded couple in after years, inasm wedded couple in after years, inasmuch as the great holiday of the year and the celebration of the wedding day can be enjoyed at one and the same time. This may be the reason so many couples choose Thanksgiving as their wedding day, but whether it is or not, it is certain that Hymen finds a great deal to do every year on the last Thursday in November. Pittsburg weddings will be plentiful to day, and it is to be hoped that in every case the participants will have ample reason to be thankful for the happiness dating from this day.

singing, can come only from the Almighty.

AMONG the many weddings set for today are those of Miss Alice Martin and Mr. William H. Ninness, in the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church; Miss Emma Mitchell and Mr. Ernest B. Bowling, at St. Peter's Church, Allegheny; Miss Lulu Young ar Mr. Richard Ehrens, at the home of the bride's parents, Wilkinsburg; Miss Emilie Fox and Mr. Charles B. Power, in Oakland; Miss Sophia Heck and Mr. John Merz; Miss Florence E. Williams and Mr. Charles St. Florence E. Williams and Mr. Charles St. Clair: Miss Annie Patterson and William Nicklas; Miss Clara E. Lemon and Mr. Charles P. Anderson: Mi-s Lizzle Reed Sam-ple and Mr. Joseph R. Chambers, at Wilkins-burg; Miss Laura M. Watt and Mr. Roland

A VERY interesting ceremony Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock will be the laying of the corner stone of the new building of the Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, Bel efield and Bayard avenues. There will be singing by the pupils of the institution, and the stone will be laid by the Presi-dent, Mr. A. M. Marshall. An address is to be delivered by Rev. E. P. Cowan, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, and other the Third Presbyterian Church, and other clergymen. As there is a possibility of in-element weather, that is taken into consid-eration in making the arrangements, and if the outdoor conditions are unfavorable after the inying of the stone, the rest of the exercises will be held in the Bellefield Pres-

YESTERDAY a meeting of the ladies interested in the tea given at Mrs. Riddle's house, Allegheny, about a week ago, to raise ey for the admission of a ye the Home for Incurables, was held to bal-ance the accounts of the tea. The satisfactory report was made that, after paying the \$200 admission fee for the young girl and spending \$16 extra for necessary expenses. it was found that a balance of \$110 remained.
The total receipts from the tea were \$355.
All the flowers and candy and nearly all the All the flowers and candy and nearly all the eatables for the tea were donated. The ladies desire to thank all who assisted them, including the newspapers. The \$10 will be set aside as the nucleus of a fund for the benefit of the next deserving case that presents itself to the charitable notice of the indies. Although it is a week since the tea, those who were present are still talking about the excellence of the arrangements and the enjoyable, social character of the entertainment. It was informal, and perhaps for that very reason gave the more pleasure.

An old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner is to be served to-day by the ladies of the Sandusky Street Baptist Church, in the old postoffice. The managers have received much commendation because they serve their dinners hot and on time, and to-day they will make a special effort to maintain their enviable reputation as host-sees. The menu will be turkey, plum pudding and all the other delicacies that are naturally asso-

Social Chatter.

To DAY will be a jolly one for the little folks at the Home for Colored Children. Several weeks ago the managers of the institution sent out a number of bars among their friends which were to be filled with "goodles" and then sent to the children on Thanksgiving Day. So it is pretty certain that there will be a regular "bulging out" of big black eyes to-day when each child opens its treasure.

Mas. Milton Kino's house, on Mt. Washington, will be turned into a bazar to-morrow evening for the benefit of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church. All sorts of fancy and common-sense articles will be on sale in gayly decorated booths that will be presided over by a bevy of brightly-costumed maidens.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. LILLEY, of Walmit AND Miss. William C. Distriction of the Young People's Christian Society of the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street, Tuesday evening from 8 to 12, Mrs. Lilley being assisted by Miss Livingston.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of the Homewood Avenue Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment this evening. It will be made up of musical and elocutionary selections, and is expected to be very entertaining. A Plano recital was given last evening by Madame A. Pupin at the Duquesne Con-servatory of Music. It was largely attended and very enjoyable throughout.

MR. DANIEL S. BERRY, of Mr. Washington, and Miss Irene Sharp, of New Castle, will be wedded to-morrow evening at the home of the bride's parents, New Castle. MR. AND MRS. B. W. KARSKADDON and family, of Wilkinsburg, leave next month for Philadelphia, where they will remain per-

The first reception of the Tuesday night class of the Duquesne Dancing School will be held this evening. MRS. JOHN N. CHAPMAN, of South Negley avenue, gives a dinner to-day.

ONE M'COMAS IS ENOUGH. District of Columbia Lawyers Object to

Judges Who Are Strangers. Washington, Nov. 23.-There were recently two vacancies on the bench of the District Supreme Court and when President Harrison appointed Hon. Louis E. McComas

m the other day there was con

siderable ill suppressed dissatisfaction der The Bar Association of the District, fear ful lost an outside lawyer be appointed to the other vacancy, held a meeting last night and adopted a resolution requesting the President to fill the remaining vacancy by the appointment of a member of the bar of the appointment of a member of the bar of the court now in active practice therein and familiar with the laws of the District and the practices of its courts.

The End of the Dude.

imore American. The chrysanthemum grows larger, the dude grows smaller. Thus we see what will eventually befall the dude. He will disap-pear from view behind his chrysanthemum,

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS

-London covers 687 square miles -Most sheep die before they are a year

-A fine Stradivarius violin will fetch \$6,000.

-Women of rank go bareheaded in Mexico.

sembled in Old City Hall last evening to -Europe is reported to have 50,000

> -Ginger essence contains twice as much alcohol as whisky.

-It would take a man 3,000 years to read all the standard works. -The temperature of the planet Neptune

is estimated to be 900° below zero. -Every year the population of the United States is increased by 1,000,000. -About 10,000 young men and women

attend the colleges and universities in Kan-

-France will spend nearly \$2,000,000 for arms and ammunition for the cavalry alone next year.

-Artificial grass for the grounds of seaside cottages is one of the industries at Man-chester, England. -Among the wealthy classes of Japan it

is considered undignified to ride a horse going faster than a walk. -Europe consumes upward of \$24,000,000 worth of gold and silver annually for plate.

jewelry and ornaments. -At the top of Pike's Peak the air is so rarified that cats taken there invariably have fits and die before they get acclin

-Electrotype reproductions of rare pieces of silver, such as are found only in museums or valuable art collections, are among the latest fads.

-A costly pipe is that which the Shah of Persia smokes on state occasions. It is stated to be worth \$320,000 and is set with rubles, diamonds and emeralds. -The translation of the New Testament

into Ganda or Luganda, the language of the

Uganda territory, has just been finished and the complete book will soon be issued.

-Theosophists favor cremation for two reasons: It is the common Hindoo method of disposing of the dead, and it is a conventent and expeditious way of letting loose the astral body. -It is a singular coincidence that the

United States Collectors of Internal Reve-nue at Ogden, Utah, and at Lincoin, Neb., are both from Farmington, Me., and both named Norton. -The yearly waste in the United States through drink is at least \$500,000,000. In 40 years \$10,000,000,000 have been thus wasted.

years \$10,000.600,600 have been thus wasted. This is equal to the whole savings of the people from 1783 to 1857. -The oldest arm chair in the world is the throne once used by Queen Hatafu, who flourished in Egypt 1600 B.C. It is made of ebony, beautifully carved and is so hardened with age as to appear to be carved from

-A late portable plate-warmer is made

of tinned wire and will hold 12 plates. The body of the rack, which is a stoutly made wire frame, snaped like å half circle, rests on four legs and is divided in a way similar to a toast rack. -Some of the native women of Australia have a queer idea of beauty. They cut

themselves with shells, keep the wounds open for a long time, and when they heal huge scars are the result. These scars are deemed highly ornamental. -The cities that claim to be the birthplace of Columbus outnumber those ancient cities that claimed Homer—I:aly, England, Ireland and Spain, all having their advo-cates. Only two or three, however, insist that they have his remains.

all along the castern shores of the Mediter-ranean and as far cast as Arabia and Persia, is mentioned in the Bible, where the pro-phet refers to "that senseless thing which is more stable than man, insanuch as it always pointeth in the one direction." -The Vienna Academy of Sciences is about to publish the Etruscan ritual book which was discovered in the wrappings of

-The compass plant of Asia Minor, known

a nummy last year by Prof. Krall. This book is the only survivor of the famous Etruscan liferature of divination and ritual of which we hear so much in the Latin classics, especially in Cicero and Livy. -Dentists say that the greatest difficulty they meet with in their work is the matching of false teeth with the natural teeth of their customers. The tooth factories supply

dentises with rings upon which are strung thin metal bars, each carrying a tooth at its extremity. There are 25 or these sample teeth, that run all the way from nearly white to a shade that is almost olive. -Among the great men of the world blue eyes have always predominated. Socrates, Shakespeare, Locke, Eacon, Milton, Goethe, Franklio, Napoleon and Renau all had blue eves. The eyes of Bismarck, Gladstone, Huxley, Virchow and Buchner are also of this color, and all the Presidents of the United States except General Harrison en-

joyed the same cerulean color as to their

... The horseshoe superstition is very old.

The ancients believed that iron as a metal had unknown powers, and would drive nails into their walls to keep off nestilence. It has always been thought uncommonly lucky to find a piece of the metal, and as horsestices were the form in which it was most fre-quently found, the superstitious regard came to be transferred from the material to the

-In the Northern part of Peru, in what is otherwise an arid desert, the celebrated "rain tree" grows. This species, Batas vapero, though not large or of much commer-cial value, is a veritable South American wonder, having the extraordinary property of condensing what little moisture there is in the atmosphere so as to cause a continual mist to exude (seemingly) from its leaves

and branches.

LIFE'S LITTLE LAUGHS. Halfback, '92 (as he is dragged from beneath a truck-load of scrap from that was over-turned on film)-Was it a touch down?

He-That friend of yours seems to be

very familiar. He slapped me on the back and called me "old man." She—So he told me. He said he had forgotica She-Why is it when physicians get sick

hey never attend their own cases? He—I don't know, but I should say it was because

The Heiress-How can you ask me to be our wife, Mr. Sympsonne, when you are dependent n your father for an income? Sympsonne-But, Gad, I won't be if I marry you!

Mother (reading over a batch of her son's rejected jokes)-I'm sure I can't see, John, when the editor prints such stupid jokes, why they He'd write a book on how to love,

With points on what to say. But when he tried to pop one night, He fainted dead away. "Then you are going to marry him simply for his money. I hope he'll never find it out and despise you for it."

says he knows his money is much more worth lov-ing than himself, and he is grateful to me for taking him with it." "It's the little things that tell."

"O, dear, no! I have told him just how it is. He

Adage true, like many others. If you don't believe it—well— Conservative Englishman-I like the good old custom of yours of the thanksgiving dinner. Young America-Yes; it is such a good opporunity to have one's poor relations to dine without

asking anyone eise. Strawber-This is the first Thanksgiving in my life that I have had to dine alone. Singerly-What's the trouble? Couldn't you get anyone to ask you to dinner?

ter? Why don't you ring up?
Manager-We can't get a drop of liquor in the
whole town and the Horrible Example is dead

Temperance Lecturer-What is the mat-

Lize-What yo' got to be thankful fo'

Clara-Going to church Thanksgiving? Tilly-No. 1 ain't got nothing to be thankful for! Clara-Well, you ought to be thankful for that,