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MR. CLEVELAND'S CONSERVATISM. As THE DISPATCH stated on the morning following the election, the result was a personal victory for Mr. Cleveland rather than a direct triumph for the Democratic party. Since then the probability has been continually pointed out that the most difficult task of the President-elect will be the control of the extreme wing of the party that dictated the tariff plank of the Chicago platform. Current events all indicate that the struggle will be a hard one. And every conservatively patriotic American-aside from party affiliations-will hope and pray that Mr. Cleveland may be steadfast in upholding his own expressed political beliefs and strong enough to keep his fretful party well in

In our special Washington dispatches this morning the assertion is made that a delineation of Mr. Cleveland's intentions -included in a trenchant editorial on the President's message in the Philadelphia Ledger-was directly inspired by the President-elect. Whether that be so or not, the tribute paid Mr. Cleveland is well deserved by his past record, and the course outlined for him is such as he must follow to prove his consistency. There is every reason to believe that Mr. Cleveland intends to move in the direction indicated. And his inclination and efforts to do so demand the support and encouragement of every man who places devotion to country above and before love of party.

A NEGLECTED INDUSTRY.

1 It is rather a unique sort of advertise ment for Pittsburg that in order to increase the list of candidates for the Mayoralty, with its \$7,000 salary, the party advisors have almost to take a lantern with them to discover prominent business or professional men willing to quit their private callings for the public functions of Chief Magistrate. It looks as though business were good, and further as if the people engaged conspicuously in business porary eclipse of the high protective policy, has not resulted in a depression adequate to add so far a single new name to the four original candidates for the Mayoralty-one Republican, two Democrats and one Independent. The salary of \$7,000, which some years ago would have proved a rosy attraction, now seems no inducement.

Two conclusions may arise. First, that the demands for business absorb and bandsomely pay all the noted ability there is in Pittsburg at more remunerative rates than public office; and second, that the ambition of office-holding is anything but strong in this part of the world. Of course there is a third inference, not so flattering, that public spirit is weak in a community since it fails to produce a more numerous list of men willing to leave their private callings for a term and place their abilities at the public service.

Outsiders may well conclude that Pittsburg is a rare place for business, when business so exclusively absorbs the people, that in this special instance office-hunting presents the aspect of a decaying and neglected industry. The honors and emoluments of city offices seemingly have lost their charm, save for such as have been continuously engaged in politics in a semi-professional way.

A CONSISTENT DOCUMENT,

It is now generally understood that the abstract of Jay Gould's will, as given to the public, contains the whole gist of the matter and is only deficient in its omission of detailed valuations and legal technicalities. There is really no reason for surprise that absolutely nothing is left to public charities or to individuals outside the testator's family. Such bequests would have been far more conspicuous in their presence than they are by their absence. Throughout his career Jay Gould was without scruples, but he was also devoid of hypocrisy and ostentation. Such moneys as were dispensed during his lifetime were directly traceable to his wife's influence, were administered through her and ceased at her death, with one exception. The exception was the gift to a church and may be explained by the millionaire's willingness to accede to a request therefor since he felt able to give so ong as the recipients stooped to accept. The criticisms that the transaction evoked,

too, were little likely to encourage further efforts in the same direction. The controlling passion of Jay Gould's life was his craving for moneyed wealth for the power it would bring, and to attain the desired end he cared nothing for any distress that others might more or less incidentally be involved in. The same desire for concentration of financial power which actuated his whole life is the most marked characteristic of the instrument which he leaves as a suitable epitaph for the reading of posterity. The golden rule had no attractions for the champion gambler of the world, but neither did be affect a sentiment that was foreign to his nature. Any bequest to a public institution or a private charity would have been a marked inconsistency in the testament of one who, while he lived, scorned alike the public and the individual where either stood in his way.

act. His family and money are finally united in his death. Any public profit from the distribution of Jay Gould's millions could have been only a spoiling of the Egyptian. And the Egyptian refused to be spoiled. The accumulations made by Jay Gould are practically left in the control of his son George. His business ability is well known, and the only marked difference between his character and that of his father is found in the greater close-fistedness of the former. To what extent the wealth will continue to accumulate the future alone can decide, but every precaution has been taken to keep it intact so far as may be.

A CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

It is fashionable in some quarters to refer to canals as behind the age, but the truth is that Americans are behind the age in canals. This point is clearly demonstrated in a valuable paper from the pen of Colonel Roberts, read at the recent inland navigation conference at Paris. As will be seen by the extracts on another page, the well-known Pittsburg engineer exhibits the great possibilities of such navigation in the United States, and how they have not been developed.

The advantages of railways over the mule-power canal boats of past generations cannot be questioned, out there is fully as great a difference between the modern railway and that of sixty years ago. The canal of the present and future must be a deep water-way, and steam or some similar motive power must make it in keeping with the other features of the times. The special benefits which would accrue to this section from the Lake Erie and Ohio river project have been re-

peatedly pointed out. The United States needs nothing so badly as an inland canal system, unless it be good roads, and vice versa. It is comparatively difficult to interest the general public in these subjects. They are not as exciting as a political contest or a pugliistic exhibition, and fortunes cannot be won and lost in their development with the rapidity which characterizes some varieties of speculation. But THE DIS-PATCH feels that it has ground for encouragement. Years ago it commenced the struggle for improved roads, almost singlehanded. The roads have not materialized to any great extent, but a sentiment has been thoroughly aroused that can hardly fail to eventually produce important results.

The campaign for the ship canal and good roads is one of education, and THE DISPATCH intends to fight it out through all the summers and winters that may be necessary to insure ultimate success.

Any suspicion of usefulness that was left to the Inter-State Commerce Commission is destroyed by Judge Gresham's latest ruling. The decision that "So much of the Inter-State Commerce Law as authorizes or requires the courts to use their powers in aid of inquiries before the Inter-State Commerce Commission is unconstitutional and void" carries peculiar force as coming from an avowed opponent of railroad transgressions. The history of the Commission has been but a revelation of its incapacity to cope with the evils it was professedly appointed to suppress. And this last blow goes further than ever in demonstrating its inefficiency.

Unless the railroads are to be permitted to continue in their open disregard of public policy and successful defiance of the spirit of the law, a new enactment must be passed by Congress that shall hold water better than the leaky arrangements extant. The power of the transportation magnates must be curbed at all costs. And Congress cannot long delay and in the learned professions have no ap- the enactment of measures that shall sions that the material interests of carry with them the power of and nece Pittsburg are going to decline. Even the sity for rigorous enforcement. The counlandslide to the Democracy, with the tem- | try has had more than evidence enough of the railroad lobbyists' power, and the duplicity or stupidity of its own Representatives. And the time has come to make a fresh and vigorous start to demonstrate that public privileges are not granted without public duties, and that those duties must be performed or the penalties paid for their evasion.

WHICH IS RIDICULOUS?

The esteemed Washington Post, apropos of the question of an extra session, turns its attention to the usual denunciation of the idea of letting a year elapse between the election and the meeting of Congress. It quotes the Democratic organs consumed with hunger for the extra session, and proceeds to characterize the present rule as "objectionable" and "ridiculous." It may be objectionable and ridiculous to

take time for consideration, but the framers of our present system of government did not think so. Their provision for the meeting on the second Monday in December was based on the deliberate opinion that it would be best for the heat of partisan prejudice engendered by campaigns to settle down before the work of actual legislation is commenced. Now it may be ridiculous to the partisans to have consideration before legislation, and obiectionable to prevent Congress from railroading the partisan idea within a month after it is elected. The disposition of these elements evidently is that of Jedwood justice-to legislate first and consider afterward, with repentance as an accompaniment. But the impartial mind may retain its own views as to which side exhibits the ridiculous and objectionable qualities most positively.

There may be an attempt to change the date of meeting of Congress. But it is not to be done by applying opprobrious adjectives to the practice which especially provides the legislators time to give a little thought to public measures after the campaign lunacy has passed away.

PITTSBURGS NAVAL COMPANY. Pennsylvania has a National Guard that leads the country for practical capability, and there is no reason whatever why its Naval Battalion should not attain an equally high standing, Adjutant General Greenland's opinion that the Keystone State is backward in the matter should be an inspiration to bring this branch of the service to a standard of efficiency corresponding to that of the military arm. The demand for an appropriation of \$1,500 for each of four companies to be made of the Legislature at the next session should be granted without hesitation. Two companies have been organized already at Philadelphia, though their work has been hampered by lack of money, and Pittsburg and Erie

and organization. The new departure should prove popular, and Pittsburg must be prepared to play its part with credit. Incidentally the increased attention which will be attracted to Pittsburg and Erie as ports of entry should add to the recognition of their importance as strategic points. Public interest in the military value of a canal to connect the two ought to help out the abundant evidence of such a work's value others were devoted to his money and his from a commercial point of view. Mean-

are to supply one company each so soon

as funds are available for their enlistment

worth doing well, and Pittsburg must help Pennsylvania to prove that it will be sec ond to none in the efficiency of its Naval Battalion.

Some of those official election returns are striking examples of official dilatoriness. The waste of time in counting the ballots is inexcusable and inexplicable, except by the supposition that some of the officers are enjoying their jobs.

THERE has been a good deal of talk lately about an organization of citizens who have subscribed a considerable amount of money to cover the cost of a searching audit of the city's accounts for the past ten years. So far no individual Pittsburger has been found to youch for the undertaking. But in any case such a movement could have no direct influence upon the February election. of the best features of such an organization would be in its indication that a body of Pittsburgers has at last been found to take a serious interest in municipal government for the sake of the community. Meanwhile there is ample scope for an increase in general interest in municipal affairs, and the voters who do not generally vote will have one more chance between now and February to do something for the city's good. National politics should have nothing whatdo with municipal election the candidates for city officers should be solected purely according to their fitness for office and the strength of the municipal platform on which they stand.

PISTOLS at the polls are popularly supposed to be a peculiarly Southern institu-tion. But it is from an octogenarian Senator of the Indianapolis Legislature that the threat comes to choose his chair and defend it by force of arms.

THE bill now on file in the Senate for the admission of New Mexico to the rights of Statehood provides that the English lan-guage shall be the only one taught in the public schools. It is stated that the territory would refuse to become a State under such conditions. That being so there should be no further discussion as to its eligibility. Nothing is more productive of sectionalism than the perpetuation of foreign tongues. And nothing is desired to encourage septionalism among the States of this Union.

ESTIMATES of the size of things depend largely upon the point of view from which they are made. A world that appears won drous small to a man evading a creditor seems unpleasantly large to one seeking s

As to Democratic intentions with regard to tariff legislation and administrative economy there are still about as many reports as there are Democrats. But the na-tion will at least be thankful to learn that the intention of the victorious party's lead-ers is to make the handling of the immigration question strictly non-partisan. The need for restrictive discrimination in permitting the influx of aliens is so self-evident that a measure framed to provide it must be enacted as soon as possible

BLIZZARDS are to the fore once more as obstructors of railroad traffic and destroyers of telegraphic communications. They are as much of a nuisance as monopolists, and about as uncontrollable.

As an American humorist the Pittsburg street car conductor distances all competi His "Step forward to the front, please," when every square inch of standing room is already occupied by a square inch of sole, is really too excruciatingly funny for anything. Asphyxiation and laughter combined will surely cause a sudden death if the witticism continues to be perpetrated.

HAMILET'S remarks shout the "insolence of office" and "the law's delays" would have been made more emphatic if he had been possessed of a personal knowledge of this reat country's institutions.

THE main obstacle to the inception of the Ohio River and Lake Erie Canal is found in the apathetic indifference of those to whom d not fail to bring enormous benefits. When Pittsburg has been aroused to a PROFESSIONAL etiquette is the short

definition of antiquated customs contrary to convenience and calculated to cause strife and confusion among members of the "learned" professions. LAST night's prize fight was simply a

beastly exhibition of brute force. Its only ant feature was the shortness of it duration. The bigger brute survived, and a "sport" that encourages the evolution of the fittest survivors of that kind is simply a relic of the dark ages of barbarity.

METEOROLOGY, like politics, makes strange bed fellows. Blizzards and thunder storms in the same December night are companions too ill-assorted for anything but the weather office.

WITH apologies to the memory of Walter Savage Sandoe, his famous auto-epitaph may be reversed to fit the case of Jay Gould: He strove with all-none were too small for strife. Money he loved, and after money power, The love of gain was his throughout his life.

UNLESS there is some forcing of the pace, Philadelphia's "new," 20-year-old and infinished city hall will be an acc fact before the site is selected for Alleheny's postoffice.

MARDI-GRAS organizers and prize-fight romoters are at loggerheads at New Orleans. The Crescent City would lose little if the rival attractionists metaphorically filled one another off and allowed it to get down to a legitimate business basis.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

DVORAK, the composer, thinks everybody should learn to play some sort of a musical

THREE Englishmen now have statues in France-Lord Brougham at Cannes, Jenner Boulogne-sur-Mer, and Shakespeare in

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOSTER bears a strong resemblance to pictures of the late General John C. Fremont, the Path-THE Duke of Edinburgh will vacate his

post as Naval Commander in Chief at Devenport in August next, and will then permanently reside at Coburg. MRS. SARAH KIPLE, of Scranton, is 99 years old and has smoked since she was 20.

She has spent a thousand times as much in cobacco as in doctors' bills. JUSTICE HARLAN of the United States Supreme Court will sait for Europe about

the 20th of this month as one of the arbitrators in the Bering Sea seal fisheries dispute. CHARLES FROHMAN, the theatrical manager, has between 15 and 20 companies out this season; and is probably entitled to the distinction of being the Napoleon of the

ABOUT 200 members of the Hebrew Rabbi Convention now in session in Washington called upon the President yesterday afternoon. They were introduced by Mr. Simon Wolf, ex-Consul General to Egypt.

G. M. LAMBERTON, of Lincoln, Neb., has been selected for appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to succeed Mr. Nettleton. 'His nomination it is supposed will be sent to the Senate Monday.

OSMAN PASHA'S pretty daughter is supposed to be the only Turkish poetess. She lives in a fine palace on the Rosphorus, which is superbly furnished for her use. She dines daily from a service of pure gold. THE youngest woman who ever came out of the West and won fame in the East is probably Mrs. Eva Wilder McGlasson, who is still nearer 20 than 25, and who has writfamily, while he had power to think or while, a thing that is worth doing at all is Paragon."

A LOOK AROUND.

It was gossiped about yesterday that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is considering the advisability of extending its local passenger service into the heart of the city. This does not mean any addition to its lives, but merely the usage of such tracks as it already possesses. The story which I refer to is to the effect that, recognizing the great pressure on its own lines and on the electric and cable cars at certain hours of the morning and evening, the railroad com-pany will run passenger trains from Walls to Sixth atreet, utilizing its Liberty street tracks for that purpose. The trains would be loaded and unloaded from and to the street, there being no intention to arrange for any waiting rooms or depot. It is under-stood that the company has the right to use these tracks for the purpose indicated, and will not require any further grants from

Councils. THERE was some discussion among the gossipers on this point and as to whether the railroad company was not restricted to freight traffic on Liberty street, but the drift of opinion was that there was nothing in the way of the proposed departure. This would certainly be a very popular innovation for many people as it is preferable to ride or walk to the Union station in order to avail themselves of the greater comfort to be had in a half hour's ride on a train as assingt any sect of expect or . Superintendagainst any sort of street car. Superintendent Pitcairn was non-committal about the matter when I asked him if such a plan was under consideration, but it seemed as though it was no new idea to him.

IT certainly looks as though there was some sort of truce between Drexel, Morgan & Co. and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. I hear that the firm have invested several malions in property in the vicinity of Bryn Mawr, and intend to spend more millions in erecting buildings of various kinds thereon-chiefly residences and such business stands as a fashionable and wealthy suburb will support. It is said that at least \$6,000,000 are to be put into this investment, which cannot fail to benefit the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as the will be strung along its main line, and all this travel will come to it.

YESTERDAY afternoon a big, brutal looking man, evidently a foreigner, walked along Liberty street followed by a sturdy little girl who was weeping bitterly. The man wore a sullen ugly look, and from time to time he threw some remark over his shoulder at the girl as if he tossed a brick at a stray dog. As he passed the Academy of Music some of the boys, who were hanging about the doorway, took in the situation. and it was comical to see how quickly they acted in concert. One by one they followed the man, and presently he had "a tail" like a Highland chief. "Hit him with a clinker, Patsy." "You big coward!" "Why doncher hit oner use" and similar endearing remarks were thrown at the scowling, heavy browed brute. On down Liberty street to Sixth went the little procession, and it was hard to tell which the girl feared most, her juvenile pro-tectors or her father. At length the man grew infuriated, chased the boys and swore in choicest Magyar or some other kind of "yar," but caught neither boys nor fish. Seiging her by the arm he hauled her quickly up to a passing street car, and looked back upon his tormentors with a taunt and a few extra left over curses as the car sped away toward Allegheny.

A PARADOX in green came under my notice yesterday morning. A small, slender girl hurried up Fifth avenue wearing a rough terra cotta skirt, with fuzzy-wuzzy threads of gold running through it, a nile green cloth waist, a brown cloak, with half a dozen little capes lined with green silk, and a brown and gold turban. And in spite of it all the men admired the tout ensemble, though the women stopped, smiled and

"I DON'T know why it is," said the representative of a big tobacco importing firm in the East yesterday, as he cut the end off of a huge cigar, "but it is a fact that for two years it has been next to impossible to get good Havana tobacco. There must something out of the way with the soil, the proper pitch of municipal enthusiasm, the climate or something else that flavors the vigorous pushing of that project should be leaf. The best brands of cigars, made by the bouquet, they had three years ago. have heard this from dozens of men with fine taste who have changed from one brand to another in search of something to suit them and without finding what they

GREEN carnations are all the go in New York this winter. White flowers are dipped in some preparation of copper and turn a vivid green. They do not look as if they were dyed and show up well in corsage bouquet or button holes. Why not try it on here!

Dors it not seem absurd that there is no cross-town car line between Smithfield treet and East Liberty, and no way to get from river to river without a long, round-

DANGEROUS THOUGH CHAINED.

A Manacled Burglar at Butler Knock Senseless an Incautious Witness.

BUTLER, Dec. 8.—[Special,]—John Mininger, the notorious jail breaker and all around bad man, who for two months past has be shackled to the floor of his cell in the Butler county jail, has two more criminal charges added to the long list already recorded against him. Another prisoner in formed the sheriff that Mininger had con fessed to him the commission of a burglary at the residence of George Grimm, in Jef ferson township, two years ago. A warrant, issued on the charge of committing this burglary, who read to Mininger in his cell. He promptly demanded an immediate hearing, which it was decided to give him in the inil, as to remove him to a justice's office would require the services of a blacksmith to release him from his anchorage in the

floor.

Grimm and the witness who had informed on Mininger were summoned. As the witness incautiously got within range of Mininger, the latter, leaping to the length of his chalu, struck the man a terrific blow in the chalu, struck the man a terrific blow in the face with both his heavy manacled hands, felling him to the floor, senseless and bleed-ing. Two prisoners who were at liberty in the corridor also jumped upon the fallen witness and kicked him savagely before were beaten off by the surprised offi-As soon as he was able, the informer the additional information against Mininger of aggravated assault and battery

THE CURTIS TRIAL STOPPED.

By the Death of a Juror, and a New Twelve Will Have to Be Impaneled.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Burther proceedings in the second trial of M. B. Curtis, the actor, for the murder of Policeman Grant, were brought to a sudden stop this morning by the announcement of the death of Porter A. Libby, one of the jurors in the case, who had been ill for the past few days. Judge Murphy, who had him-elf risen from a sick bed to open this morning, granted the mo-tion of District Attorney Barnes to dismiss the jury and have a new one impaneled, and was put on the calendar for Tues-

day.

Curtis seemed despondent for a time over the Court's decision, but his attorneys acquiesced in the decision without complaint. Judge Murphy declined to reduce the ball or allow the defendant to go on the old bond, and new bonds will have to be secured. EBEN WILSON, who was captured three years ago for robberv in Pottsville, and who was sentenced to 45 years' imprisonment died suddenly at the Schuylkili county juli yesterday. WILLIAM M. DERBY, one of Chicago's oldest citizens, died Tuesday. Mr. Derby went to Chicago years ago from New York, where he was born, and by real estate deals amassed a fortune of \$1.000,000.

A BI-METALLIC ASSOCIATION.

The Fruit of the Silver Conventi sion at El Paso, Tex.

EL Paso, Tax., Dec. 8 .- The Southwest Silver Convention to-day adopted a resolution providing for the organization of a Pan-American Bi-Metallic Association. The headquarters of the association are to be at Several speakers referred to the Brussels onference, but all considered it a political cheme, and that it will accomplish nothing.

Of Interest to Pittsburg.

Chicago Dispatch.]

Don't the dude and his deadly eigarette some within the provision of the smoke

JUDGE GRESHAM'S OPINION READY FOR THE NEWSIES.

Causes Any Amount of Speculation at the

National Capital.

THE GOULD WILL,

Said to Be Very Economical.

had plenty to talk about to-day when Jay

Gould's will was given to the public through

the newspapers. The principal feature dis-cussed was the fact that not one dollar has

bren given to charity, nor to anybody not of Mr. Jay Gould's blood. No educational in-

stitution gets anything, nor any religious body or institution. Jay Gould's money is left to Jay Gould's children, and puissant effort is made that it shall stay in the Gould

family. The whole thing is distinctly a family affair, and to George J. Gould is

given the whip of authority. The others must agree with him. At first many sup-

posed that such bequests were for some reason withheld from the published sum-

mary, and would be announced later. Talks

with Judge Arnold, however, indicate that this portion of the will is now in possession of the public.

The opinion of men who are acquainted with the Gould properties seems to be that Mr. Gould acced with wisdom, so far as their welfars is consequently in the content of the

their welfare is concerned, in leaving their control in the hands of his children, with the power of final decision resting with his son George. Both George and Edwin Gould are recarded as having business capacities of a high order.

UNCLE SAM'S LEGAL WORK.

Attorney General Miller Makes a State

ment of His Department's Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Attorney General

Miller has made a report to Congress in re-

gard to the business of the Department of

that the business of the department is con-tinually and largely increasing. This in-

crease, he says, is most noticeable in the

reference to that court for investigation and

finding of claims for the taking and injury

to property of persons assuming to have

ing already between 9,000 and 10,000 in num-

ber and in amount aggregating nearly \$400,000,000, and still more recently the duty imposed upon that court of trying claims for Indian depredations, such claims already filed being over \$3000 in number and aggregating over \$33.000,000, are very suggestive of the growing work of the department.

Mr. Miller reviews briefly the work of the United States Supreme Court and save he

cretion of the Attorney General. The nec

essity for such discretionary action, he says, ought to be by legislation reduced to the minimum. This whole subject of the man-agement of the Government's business in

against of the Government's business in the Circuit Courts of Appeals ought to have the careful attention of Congress.

In regard to the business of the Court of Private Land Claims he says that there have been filed in that court since its organiza-tion a total of 48 cases, in 42 of which the Government is defendant, and in one it is the plaintiff.

Merely a Question of Size.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Mrs. Margaret Blackburn, West Newton

Mrs. Margaret Lowry Plumer Blackburn,

wife of James W. Blackburn, died at her home in West Newton Wednesday, aged 72 years. Mrs. Blackburn suffered an attack of paralysis several, years ago, from the effects of which she never

years ago, from the effects of which she never fully recovered. A third attack hast Monday resulted in her death. She was the daughter of the late Alexander Piumer, a prominent citizen of West Newton, and the paternal granddaughter of Hon. George Piumer, M. C., who was the first white child born on the site of Pitisburg and who afterward represented this district in Congress for many years. Colonel Alexander Lowry, of Lancaster, who served on the staff of General Washington during the Revolutionary period, was her maternal grandfather. Funeral services will be held to-day at 230 o'clock in the M. E. Church at West Newton. The remains will be buried in the West Newton Cemetery.

Philo R. Hoy, Naturalist.

Dr. Philo R. Hoy, naturalist, died sud-

denly yesterday at Eacine, Wia., agod 76. He was a member of the American Association for the Ad-vancement of Science and was one of the three American members of the Entomologist Society of France. His collection was famous in Europe, as well as at home.

Joseph M. McLain.

Dravosburg yesterday, aged 31 years. The de-ceased was a son of ex-Senator Joseph R. McLain, of Claysville.

Obituary Notes.

SECRETARY OF STATE CAMPBENE, of Mexico, is

C. C. CAMPBELL, inventor of the cotton press,

died in Cincinnati Wednesday.

Mrs. Julia A. Powers, 72 years old, the last of

the McKee heirs, the family which gave McKees-port its name, is dead.

ABEL WALKER died in Boiton, N. Y., Sunday,

MAJOR JOHN D. ADAMS died Wednesday at Lit-tle Rock of cancer of the stomach. He was the son of Samuel Adams, who was President of the Senate and became Governor of Arkansas upon the resignation of Governor Yell in 1841. Major Adams served in the Mexican War, entering the army at the age of 18.

JOSEPH M. MCCLAIN, 31 years old, a son of Sen

ator J. R. McClain, of Claysville, died yesterday of pulmonary and brain troubles. He was weighmas-ter for the Carnegie Steel Company at Duquesne, and was well-known among the iron men and coal operators of the valley. He leaves a wife and two children, the wife being a daughter of James Wil-son, the coal operator.

aged 100 years. He was a veteran and pensioner the war of 1812. 'Addison Walker, of Saratoga, brother, is also near the century mark, and is good health and guite active.

Joseph M. McImin died at his home in

Cleveland Leader.]

Justice during the last fiscal year, showing

New York, Dec. 8.-The financial gossips

ociety Women Will Manage the Opening of the Home for the Newsboys-Many

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Cullom, Chairman of the Senate Committee on In-Other Interesting Society Events in the Two Cittes. ter-State Commerce, has very little to say relative to the decision of Judge Gresham THE Board of Managers, at their meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to open the new building of the Newsboys' Home the affecting the validity of the inter-State commerce law, but his manner indicates that he is not at all pleased with it. "I have third week of January, with a bazaar and not read it, and I do not care to say much general entertainment. It will be a houseuntil I have," said Mr. Cullom. "According warming, and it is intended to make the octo the newspaper reports some persons are inclined to hold that the decision affecting casion worthy of the great work accomplished for the benefit of the boys who would otherwise be homeless. So many of inclined to hold that the devision affecting the validity of one section applies to all, and that if one is unconstitutional the law in its entirety must be. There is nothing in such an argument. There is one thing about which there can be no doubt, and that is that if the law can be amended so as to withstand the decisions of the courts, it will be; whether such a result can be reached it is hard to determine. After I have read the decision in full I may have something to say pertaining to the subject on the floor of the Senate."

Representative Culberson, Chairman of the prominent people of Pittsburg have taken an active part in the work for newstaken an active part in the work for news-boys that the reception will be distinctively social in its character. There will be a great deal of labor for the ladles of society, since they intend to take charge of the booths, tables, etc., with long lists of aids, drawn from the ranks of young girls of the best families. The result must be a brilliant one under these circumstances. The booths that were used at the fair for the benefit of the Southside Hospital have been taken to the new Home, and they will be used for the entertainment, with many new ones of unique and handsome designs.

MISS MARY B. KIER has issued cards for musicale in Christ Church Chapel, corner Linerty and Center avenues, Friday evening, the 16th inst., for the benefit of the Women's industrial. Miss Kier will be as-sisted by Mrs. Elise Warren Mechling, Mrs. Frank W. Bearl and Mr. Theodore Salmon.

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Representative Culberson, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House, was asked what he thought of the decision, but he replied that he had not yet read it. He refused to express off-hand his opinion on the salient points of the decision, when outlined to him by a reporter. Judge Gresham's opinion, however, was a topic that was talked of more or less in the Honse during the day. The friends of the inter-State inw feel that if the opinion is upheld by the supreme Court it will render the commission helpless. It will then, they say, be placed in the position of a voluntary court, with no power to compel the attendance of witnesses.

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Later in the day Mr. Culberson read the opinion of Judge Gresham, and said he thought the Judge was correct in his statement of the law as to the section of the act reterred to. Further than this Mr. Culberson declined to talk, on the ground that the question in some form might come before the committee of which he is Chairman, and he did not wish to commit himself beforehand. THE bazear that has been held in the old postoffice building this week will end to-night. It was for the benefit of the U. P. Orphaus' Home and Memorial Hospital, in Allegheny, and the Home for Aged People, at Wilkinsburg. The ladies are satisfied with the success that has attended their efforts. It is the first time that they have served dinners at their fairs, but it has proved such a desirable element in the entertainment that it is the purpose of the ladies to repeat it on every similar occasion hereafter. How It Surprised the Public-George Gould

MISS BERTHA FUHRER, teacher of German in Duquesne College, spent the past summer in Europe. She will address the students and friends in the chapel at 2:30 next Wednesday. She will speak especially of her observations in Germany and her experience in a month's quarantine in New York.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of the Eighth Presbyterian Church, West End, give their annual baznar and supper on this and to morrow evenings in Metropolitan Hall, Steuben street. The residents of that por-tion of the city look forward to these enter-tainments with the greatest interest. The ladies have worked earnestly to make the buzaar the most beautiful and successful of any yet held under their auspices. This evening will be devoted to the buzaar and to-morrow evening to the supper. These annual suppers need no commendation, from the high reputation of these good ladies for giving the best suppers ever spread in the West End.

A PINK tea is one of the prettiest of concelts. This well-known fact received fresh proof at the residence of Mrs. Thomas A. Parke, Beach street, Allegheny, yesterday are regarded as having business capacities of a high order.

A noted capitalist, who has long been associated with George J. Gould as a director, expressed the belief that the young head of the Gould family would prove himself capable of taking care of the property left in his charge.

"It is possible, however," said this gentleman, "that George will make the mistake of being too economical. He is not a believer in paying high salaries, as his father was. If George can find a \$10,000 man to take the place of a \$25,000 man he will be disposed to persuade himself that the low-priced man can do the work just as well as the other one." afternoon. The dining room was lined with pink blossoms, while the hall and drawing room were hidden almost in yellow flowers. The art of the florist was demonstrated in a thou and pretty designs in roses, carna-tions and chrysanthemums, while orchids were also used in the floral arrangements. Miss Pattle Howard, sister of Mrs. Parke, assisted in receiving, and among the guests were Mrs. W. N. Howard, Mrs. Edward Gregg, Mrs. Honry Myers, Nrs. Alexander McCord, Mrs. James E. McCord, Miss Minne Howard and Miss Bessie Entton. The affair was a notable society success.

MRS. WILLIAM T. WALLACE'S reception was among the few Thursday functions, this day of the week seeming to lose its favor as a fashionable one. The hours were from 2 to 4 and 4 to 6 o'clock. The occasion served to introduce the nieces of the hostess, Miss Annie Redman Jones and Miss Evelyn Glancy Jones, of Philadelphia. Over 250 invitations were issued and nearly all were accepted, so that it was really necessary to divide the periods of the affair to enable all to meet the hostess and her charming ninear.

Social Chatter.

The quarterly meeting of the Allegheny County Christian Endeavor Union is to be held this evening in the Shady Avenue Saptist Church. Among those who will take part are Rev. W. A. Stanton, Miss Edith Marthens, Miss Sara Chalmers, Prof. Browa, Mr. Fred C. Brittain, Mr. G. W. Barnes, Miss Jean Eggers, Miss Kate Wooldridge, Mr. Hamilton Stewart and others.

The young people of the Forty-third Street Presbyterian Church will hold an enter-tainment and trades display in Davis and Watson's Hall, Butler street, on Thursday evening, December 15. The trades display will be the principal leature of the evening, aside from a good musical programme and refreshments. Mr. Miller reviews briefly the work of the United States Supreme Court, and says he is glad to be able to report that, as the result of the organization of the Circuit Court of Appeals, the number of cases in the Supreme Court is being reduced. He also refers to the business before these Circuit Courts, and suggests that some provision be enacted by Congress for the payment of district attorneys for services in these courts, so that it will not be left to the discretion of the Attorney General. The necrefreshments.

THERE was a concert in Wilkinsburg last evening under the auspices of the Baptist Church of that borough. The entertainment was a good one and there was a large attendance. The proceeds will go into the building rund of the church, which it is expected to erect next year. THERE is to be a reception at the residence

o: Miss Sands, of Oeborne, this afternoon.
She will be assisted by Mrs. William Arrott,
Miss Arrott, Miss Ramsey and Mrs. Bond
Valentine Sommerville. It will be to-day's
society event in the Sewickley Valley.

A Mrs. Jarley's wax work exhibition, with musical and literary leasures inter-spersed, is to be given this evening in the Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny. MISS REBECCA HANLON entertained a numper of friends at her Oakland home Wednes day evening.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S MESSAGE.

It is no longer a question whether there will be a fight between President Cleveland It is intelligent .- Harrisburg Telegraph. and his party, but how great will the fracas Is well worth reading .- St. Louis Globs-

HE has dealt with facts and not with the ries.-Roches er Democrat. The last was by no means least, President

Harrison.-Cleveland Leader. Ir is firm, able, patriotic and splendid all the way through,-Bultimore American, Ir is not over long and will be read with

considerable interest.-New York Herald. Ir is, like all his state papers, a clear, concise, frank, business-like statement.—Elmira

containing a number of wise and practical suggestions. - Washington Post. THE figures with which the message is argely embellished are more convincing

han words,-Philade phia Inquirer. Ir is well written, and some of the recom mendations it contains are thoroughly abreast of the times .- Brooklyn Standard

THERE are no strained and stilled expressions of opinion-no platitudinous discussions of abstruce theories.-Grand Rapids Herald. It is likely to remain long in the memory

of the people as the highest ripple mark i the receding wave of high protection .- Chi cago News Record. Is worthy of taking its place with his other

contributions to the documentary history of the country as a dignified and able state paper.-Evening Wisconsin.

Ir is written in the clear, frank and expressive style characteristic of President Harrison; and it should be read by every American citizen. - New York Press. Is thoroughly American in tone, and will increase the popular estimate of his patriotism, his grasp of public affairs, and his conscientious devotion to duty.-Lidianapolis

A Paper Worthy of the Town. The Akron Beacon and Republican has ismed a 52 page industrial edition, showing the progress that has been made by that bustling Ohio city. Akron is one of the most enterprising and prosperous communities within the confines of the Buckeye State, and in the Be-con it has a thoroughly representative newspaper.

Journal.

Did'nt Pay Either Way.

Philadelphia Times,] It has not been "pay dirt" dug out of the Panama Canal, whether the soil be regarded or merely the scandal.

One Parkhurst Would Do Him As a rather lively half-centenarian the

sort of English reform committee of 50.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Europe has 50,000 match factories. -The rabbis say Cain killed Abel with a

-Only one man in 203 is over 6 feet m

beight.

-Iron pavements were first laid in Lon-

don in 1817.

-Ginger essence contains twice as much leohol as whisky. -Heath is a South African plant which

came to Europe in 1774. -The Paris sewers are the largest and

most complete in the world. -Baking bread, cakes and pies became a profession in Greece B. C. 168.

-The Phonicians were the first to employ engineers to fortify cities. -Several thousands of hairpins, in many styles, have been recovered from Pompeii.

felied in the United States and Canada was -At banquets, in Queen Elizabeth's time, every guest came with his spoon in his

-In 1891 the number of newspapers pub-

-The word "encore" was first used in English theaters in 1710 and gave great -Greek and Roman architects placed

earthen jugs in the walls of theaters to in-

-Ninety-four elementary substances are used in cotton dyeing with several thou-

-The Egyptians ascribed the invention of weaving to Isis; the Greek to Minerva, and the Peruvians to Manco Capac.

-About 1570, women adopted a kind of doubtlet, or breeches, to be worn under the gown, that they might the more easily use men's saddles and stirrups. -The Suez Canal, the greatest work of marine engineering, is 88 miles long, and re-duces the distance from Europe to India from 11,379 miles to 7,628 miles.

-Pulque is the Mexican drink made by fermenting the juice of the agave. Its distinetive peculiarity is its smell, which re-sembles that of putrid meat. -Ude says: "What Bacon was to phil-

osophy, Dante to poetry, Angelo to painting, Columbus to geography, Galileo to astron-omy, Gonthier was to cooking." -Prof. J. Wortley Axe estimates that

upward of 18,000 horses annually die or are killed in London, and of these about haif succumb to accidents or infirmity. -Mount Ararat, the resting place of the eriptural ark, is, in reality, two mountains separated by a valley. The higher peak is 17,210 :eet, and the lesser 13,000 :eet above sea

-The ordinary folding fan is said to have been invented in Japan, in the seventh cen-tury, by a native artist, who derived the idea from the way in which the bat closes its wings.

-In 1580 black masks were worn in public by ladies of all ranks. The mask was held in place by ribbons passed behind the ears, or by a glass button held between the teeth. -There are some roomy theaters in this country, but none that comes up to the old theater of .Emilius Seavrius, at Rome, which comfortably seated 80,000 persons. It was built 1,950 years ago,

-The surfaces of nearly all the continents and islands have at one time formed portions of the ocean's floor. They have risen from the water partly because of the retreat of the waters. -When a resident of Rolls county, Mo.,

went to cast his vote on election day he found that he was several sizes larger than the voting booth. The Sheriff was obliged to construct for him a screen made of ho blankets. -The smallest coin ever struck in this country was a half-cent, which was issued

between 1733 and 1857. China is the only country that has a coin so small as our mill; the Chinese "cash" is worth about one-tenth of a cent. -Here is an idea of what a little spot of land may do in the way of production: The Island of Jamaica sells annually to the

United States bananas exceeding in value the entire apple, peach and cherry crops of that country. -The estimated wealth of the United States-that is, the value of all lands, buildings, railways, etc., -is put at \$64,000,000,000 The amount of money of all kinds is esti-mated by the Secretary of the Treasury to

-Oysters come nearer to milk than almost any other common food material as regards both the amounts and the relative proportion of nutrients, the food values of equal weights of milk and oysters being nearly the same.

-The sea water originally put in the great aquariums at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, in 1834, is said to be still used there, having been used over and over since

that time, a record without parallel in the history of similar institutions. -In addition to the ordinary coins well known in the United Uingdom, the Mint produces silver and bronze pieces in cents for Canuda, plastres and half-niastres for Cyprus, cent pieces for Hong Kong, nickel pence and farthings for Jamatca, and cent pence and farthings for Jamaica pieces for the Straits Settlements.

-An Australian pearl diver says that one of the strange effects of diving is the invariable bad temper felt while working at the bottom of the sen. As this usually passes away as soon as the surface is reached, it is probably due to the pressure of the air affecting the lungs, and through them the brain.

-The Norman term "maire," afterward Anglicized into "mayor," was introduced in the reign of Henry II., and it was King John who first granted the citizens of London the right of electing a mayor annually. The prefix of "lord" and the style of "right honorable" were granted by Edward III., in 1854.

PIROUETTES FROM PUCK.

Mrs. Fosdick (reading the newspaper)-An epidemic of elopements seems to be abroad in Fosdick-Yes; a regular bridal wave, so to

Mrs. Lovey-Oh, dear! I'm quite worn out with the housework.

Mr. Lovey-But you have so many girls, my Mrs. Lovey-I know it; but it's so much trouble to keep them all working!

THE REASON WHY. "My love is like the red, red rose," I sing. You ask me why, fair querist? Because, sweetheart, like Jacqueminots, You are infinitely dearest!

"Here, my love," said Parker to his wife; "here is your ('hristmas present. Twenty-five "Thanks, ever so much, John. And here is yours from baby and me," replied the grateful woman,

esturning \$2 50. IDENTITY. (With apologies to T. B. Aldrich.) Somewhere in the farmyard, vast and

lonely. The moonlight wan of a winter night Shone through skeleton shapes that only Shrank from each other in flerce affright.

With eveballs gleaming in midnight murky. Spake these spirits from fiesh flung loose: 'I am the wealth of the Christmas turkey!' "I am the ghost of the New Year's goose!" Kirby Stone-Howdy, Lott! You look

happy this merry Christmas Day. You must have had a fine present from Mrs. L.

Job Lott-I had. She gave me a smile, and I gave her a kiss, so that I'm really in a hundred dollars. These economical Christmases are the A QUESTION.

I've often wondered if the man Who sang with soul ready to burst, Felt half as bad about his last cigar As I did-finishing my first.

Judge (to witness)-Miss Primmins, you say your uncle had but one limb. Had he lost an arm or a leg? Miss Primmins (with an air of triumph)—He was in full possession of both arms, Your Honor.

Belle Weatherbee-How sheepish you looked when you proposed to me!

Jack de Rham—That's because you pulled the
wool over my eyes from the first. Prince of Wales would seem to call for some