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A PREVENTABLE NUISANCE.

Yesterday afternoon considerable portions of the business section of the city were darkened by smoke from chimneys which seemed to be devoted especially to blackening the immediate vicinity. The day was bright and the skies were clear; but the smoke nuisance interposed to prevent the full enjoyment of light and sunshine. The injury wrought by the continuance of this evil is almost beyond calculation. It would not be hard to arrive at an approximate estimate of the deterioration of buildings, of the damage to the goods of merchants, or the spoiling of clothing and works of art. But when we come to an estimate of the injury to health and eyesight by the unnecessary deprivation of pure air and sunlight the factors go bayond the power of figures to

express. This evil is made all the more inexcusable from the fact, already demonstrated, that so far as the smoke in the business section is concerned it is entirely preventable. Smoke preventing devices which would practically abolish the smoke from every one of the steam boiler plants blackening the downtown section yesterday can be seen in actual use daily. It is only unprogressiveness and lack of public spirit on the part of certain owners which

permit the perpetuation of this nulsance. These facts' make it clearly the duty of the city government to prohibit the emission of smoke within the business section. The nuisance can be entirely abated if the city authorities have the energy and the public spirit to take hold of the work and push it to a successful termination.

WHERE CHARITY STEPS IN.

The intimation that there is widespread and imminent danger of suffering among the unemployed people of Homestead is. one that cannot fail to evoke public sym- it will yield over a hundred per cent profit tions of old principles to the various pathy and stimulate generosity. If the in the enhancement of rural property. facts turn out upon investigation to be as Such an exhibit ought to set all localities alleged, that hundreds of families are | vigorously at work mending their ways. facing the approach of winter practically destitute of the necessaries of life, an imumn of interesting gossip gathered on | mediate tangible response may be expected from the whole community. The spirit of our cotemporary, the Press, in already starting a fund for the relief of the suffer-

ing, is worthy of all commerciation. Of course the raising of relief funds and their application at Homestead will be subjected to careful inquiry as to the extent and character of the needs. If the it without sufficient examination as to its destitution is not so great as reported, the accuracy is remarkable. The fact is that operation of the relief movement may be | the first section of the law subjects the | with him on his travels. appily shortened. But if the fact that Canadian railways to its provisions on all the population of that suburb has been traffic which they take from or bring to without wages for six months, and a large | the United States, and that extent of the share of it is still without employment. I law has been declared by the Commission has produced, as is natural, a widespread want of food and clothing, the action of a the lower courts which somewhat engenerous public must be prompt and full, enlightened self-interest forbid that Pittsburgers should allow any of the people in its immediate vicinity to suffer from want. The rights or the wrongs of the recent industrial struggle have no relation to the do for our own corporations. Both duty of relieving the destitute. The con- Canadian and United States railways are

Some reproductions of the pithy and flicts of employers and employes must be technically subject to the act, and both, left in the background should the danger by the grace of courts and politicians, have of starvation of women and children press been able to reduce it to a nullity. The itself on attention. finishing blow was administered by the Let the extent of the destitution be most recent decision, which makes it quickly determined by authoritative invesadditionally erroneous to attribute an adtigation. If it is as dire and general as vantage to the Canadian railway by an imaginary exemption from an act which

some reports indicate, the response of Pittsburg's generosity will be universal and immediate.

A NEW RATIO.

The action of the English agricultural conference in favoring the international adoption of bi-metallism ought to clear the way for the adoption by the Brussels the rea man is treated with justice there adoption of bi-metallism ought to clear congress of a plan for that purpose. With a respectable and influential element in England calling for that measure, the Enthe baseball prospects and other topics glish representatives can have little ex- before public opinion is sufficiently educuse for standing in the road of submitting proposals for the reinstatement of silver a nulsance. Cajoled and coerced lest his to the governments of the world. This is dissatisfaction with civilization and robespecially the duty forced upon the conference since the withdrawal of the Rothschild scheme of merely salving over the difficulty by a slight increase of grounds that are beyond the reach of model. governmental purchases leaves the Brus- ern progress, greedy prospectors and unsels body with nothing to do unless it scrupulous agents. marks out something definite for the adoption of bi-metallism.

Two propositions have so far been added to that of Soetbeer, published before the conference met. One is the general proposition of the American delegates for the resumption of coinage at the old ratio. The other is that of Tietgen, the Danish delegate, for establishing a new and adjustable ratio, simply making the ratio for each year that of the average market value of the metals for the year previous. It is to be hoped that her relinquishment of This is expected to furnish the starting point, with an international commission provided to readjust the ratio in accordance with future changes in the market

prices of the metals Of the various propositions that have abnegators as this one would do much to been made this is much the best. It would lessen the distance ever growing greaterrestore silver to monetary use, and would even in American cities-between the rich and the poor, the well-clothed and the base the value of the coinage on the actual starving. value of the metal contained in it. The trouble which has often arisen when, by the decline of one metal or the advance of Prohibition will abolish drunkenness. But in this degenerate age it is mainly a vehicle the other, the first becomes the cheaper' coinage is provided for in the action of the commission to readjust the ratio to the craving for liquor the zest which proverbially attaches to the consumption of forwhen the trouble makes itself manifest. This is practically the solution of the question which THE DISPATCH has always secococo advocated. It is not certain that such a canais is discussed the more evident be-

governments of Europe; but it is well building of internal waterways. Proofs enough of the financial feasibility worth making the trial. undertakings are available, as can be seen from the article on the subject in another THE WAY TO CHECK IT. column. All that is necessary to insure the In discussing the immigration question proper government ald for the work is the arousing of a public spirit that will force the New York Herald starts out with the Congress to devote to practical national purposes the immense sums now squandered indisputable proposition that "the best

way to check pauper immigration is to

have a deterrent effect upon many immi-

positive influence on pauper immigration

would be, that one who was rescued from

but the dimunition would not be particu-

ments would be willing to pay one hun-

The way to check pauper immigration

examinations establishing the integrity

and industry of the immigrant; and that is

THE SHOWING CONCLUSIVE.

His figures are based on the experience of

county, in making a loan of \$30,000 for

the improvement of roads, and have there-

fore the authority of practical experi-

Mr. Downing shows that in that town

ship it formerly cost about \$2,000 to repair

the roads each year, while this year the

cost was only \$100. Repairs, interest on

the loan and \$1,000 set aside annually to

retire the loan, amount to \$2,650, or a very

slight increase on the annual cost of the

dirt roads. Mr. Downing's personal figures

\$175, while of this sum he earned nearly

\$100 in hauling stone, and extends the

cost of \$5,000 per mile, they will not cost

the taxpayers over \$2,000. Against this is

to be set the immensely decreased expense

for repairs which, as already shown, ex-

ceeds the interest on the cost of the im-

These very convincing figures are en-

moderate estimate that the building of a

first-class highway will have a benefit on

property three-quarters of a mile away on

macadamized road enhances the value of

over a thousand acres of land. To esti-

mate the average increase at \$10 per acre

errs on the side of moderation. The

farmer owning 100 acres who cannot save

more than \$60 per annum by the saving of

product to market in all seasons would be

The showing therefore is indisputable.

Besides the fact that road improvement

nearly if not quite pays for itself in the

economy of repairs is the great fact that

ONE PERSISTENT FICTION.

The idea that the Canadian railways are

not subject to the Inter-State Commerce

law has persisted to the extent of affirma-

tion in the President's message and is sub-

sequently re-echoed by a large share of

the press throughout the country. The

survival of this fiction and the persistence

with which the highest authorities accept

True, a decision has been rendered in

hances the difficulties of enforcing the act

does not any more exempt them from the

decisions, making it impossible to convict

THERE is a tendency altogether too gen-

eral to regard Indians as at the best only fig.

objects for charity. No righteous treatment

of the aborigines can be secured until their

will be no talk of "generosity" in providing

for his wants. But as things are going now

it looks as though the American Indian will

have vanished from the face of the earth

cated to regard him as anything more than

bery prove inconvenient to the "superior"

and "cultured" white man, there is no won

der that the "good" Indians are those only

How little the people's wishes are con-

sidered in the present method of electing United States Senators is indicated to some

extent by the calm assumption that the politicians alone have to decide who will

represent New York-and for that matter

THE ranks of the Salvation Army in

New York have recruited the daughter of a

millionaire. The enlistment should prove

beneficial both to the army and the recruit.

luxury and devotion to good works may

prove permanent, and be a forcible example

for hundreds of those whose narrow horizon is at present bounded by the "functions"

and conventions of "society." The leaver

WHEN men are reformed by legislation

THE more the question of constructing

the managers of United States railways.

a very ineffective sort of man.

ment.

the only sensible way to check it.

in personal and sectional log rolling. check it," and from that position jumps to the decided non-sequitur of levying a tax THE appointment to the Collectorship of on every immigrant of one hundred dol-Internal Revenue for this district took nearly as much time as is customary for the lars-which is practically the same propohanging of a convicted murderer. But the resemblance ends with the delay, for the apsition as made in Secretary Foster's ointment really was made at last, The capitation tax might undoubtedly

THE persons who cry out most loudly grants not of the pauper class; but its most about abuses in local, State and National government are generally found among those whose lofty abstemption from politi-cal activity paves the way for such things. that class by the possession of a hundred American politics will become what they dollars would as soon as the tax was colshould be when the duties of citizenship are lected be reduced to the pauper condition. properly recognized by the majority of citizens. When selfishness and indolence are That immigration might be diminished as a whole by such a tax is beyond dispute, replaced by patriotism and energy-and then alone—corruption in all its form will be go easier in the conduct of public than larly among the pauper class. Did the Herald never hear of paupers or criminals to get rid of whom the foreign govern-

ANOTHER crime in Louisiana is charged up to the Mafla. Surely it is more than time dred dollars per head, or perhaps the cost of keeping them two-thirds of a year? that strenuous efforts be made to uproot and cast out an organization so alien to American institutions and so menacing to individual freedom.

is to check it at the point of departure by NOTHING could be more reassuring of the conservative intentions of the Presidentelect than the positive announcement that a commission will examine into existing conditions, and discuss the tariff situation dur-Interesting statistics on the cost and ing the recess as a preliminary to any tariff tinkering on the part of Congress. There is value of road improvement are given to nothing to gain but much to lose by hasty the public by Mr. S. R. Downing, of action in dealing with a subject so inti-mately connected with the business inter-Chester county, one of the earliest agiators in the cause of better highways. ests of the country.

the township of East Goshen, in that THERE is nothing like a discussion of the currency question to bring out the ignorance on current topics prevalent among the practical politicians.

A NEW YORK paper seriously asserts that the edict has gone forth from the European moulders of fashion for a return to the enormities of the crinoline. A glance at any of Pittsburg's street cars between five and seven in the evening is enough to demonstrate that women must either walk or abjure for ever the encumbrances of hoops worn by their predecessors of some thirty years ago.

show that the improved roads cost him THAT blizzard may be expected to materialize in unmistakable shape so soon as demonstration to show that, while macadthe weather prophets take to predicting amized highways may represent a gross

THE relish with which nineteenth century men witness a bloody combat between two of their species for a money prize is a striking indication of the thinness of civilization's veneer. After all, the gladiatorial ombats of Rome differed from the modern prize fight more in their greater size and the superior courage displayed than in any tirely independent of the effect of the imintrinsic feature of the "entertainment," provement on rural property. It is a

THE Byrnes-Parkhurst ink-slinging has degenerated into mud-slinging, which, of course, is the natural outcome of all sluin either side. In other words, every mile of

BETWEEN Dr. Parkhurst and Superintendent Byrnes, of New York, the public would find a good deal of difficulty in choosing at present. One thing, however, is pretty certain, and that is that the system of the police force of New York will receive horse power and the ability to take his a much needed ventilation during the trials now pending in the courts.

> DESERVING pensioners would profit no ization of the pension list to weed out im-

FAVORITES OF FORTUNE.

ELLEN TERRY made her first appearance

THE wife of President Diaz, of Mexico, will send a full band of 45 female musicians to the Chicago Exposition. SENATOR PROCTOR, of Vermont, doesn't

like to have his new marble house at Washington described as a palace. OAKEY RHINELANDER, of New York, is credited with owning the finest collection of antique armor in this country.

THE wife of Francis Murphy, the temperance lecturer, is an enthusiast in her husband's work and is almost constantly Tolstol says he is coming to America to live with the farmers. Let him come right

along. In winter the farmers have plenty

of time in which to make it pleasant for MRS. DRAPER, widow of Prof. Henry Draper, the astronomer, regularly pursue the scientific work that her husband made Humanity, charity, public spirit, and even against the Canadian railways. But this a specialty-the photographing of stellar spectra and the preparation of a descriptive

catalogue of the explorations. provisions of the act than the more recent A PAIR of silk stockings has been knit for "Baby Ruth" Cleveland by a lady 87 years old, Mrs. Abigail W. Kincaid, of Hoo sick Falls; and so pleasantly did the wife of the President-elect acknowledge them that she is to have a pair also. Mrs. Kincaid is about to start still a third pair for Mr. Cleveland.

M. WADDINGTON, the French Ambassa dor to Great Britain, and Lord Ribblesdale are guests of Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden Castle. Hawarden lies deep in snow, and the weather is wintry. This, however, does not prevent Mr. Gladstone from attending no corporation obeys and which is nowhere the morning services at the parish church as is his usual custom.

THE Queen of the Belgians has just ordered two or three phonographs, the pur-pose of which is to record Her Majesty's extempore compositions on the piano. is a very good hand at this sort of work, but unfortunately as soon as she has finished a composition the greater part of it has already vanished from her memory.

PROUGHT A BAILROAD TO TIME.

A Missouri Tax Collector Locks a Locome tive Tight to the Rails. CLINTON, Mo., Dec. 9.—County Collector Trone sent one of his helpers to the Kansas City, Osceola and Southern Railway yesterday evening, and looked a freight engine to the rails to force the company to pay its

taxes for the year.

The company promptly wired H. P. Fars.
a banker, to pay the taxes. He did so, and
the engine was released. Attack on the Geary Law. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The big petition for the modification of the Chinese exclusion act was presented to-day by Representative Andrew, and unanimous consent obtained to have it printed in the Congressional Record—an unusual proceeding. The petition wants the Geary law repealed, and is signed by 2,500 prominent residents of Massachu-

The Eagle Did Right.

New York World.] That American eagle who chose for his alighting spot the peak of a schoolhouse at Allegheny had the correct idea, as the noble bird should have, as to the comparative nobility of American institutions. Or Perhaps Cleve-Island?

Philadelphia Press, 1 One of the first things Congress should do is to pass a bill changing the name of Hog Island to something a little more euphonious and attractive. Why not call it Snipeland or The Duckery?

When It Rains in Lunnur Brooklyn Standard-Union. J Wates is to have a new yacht, and prob ably every dudey little dude in "Amewica" will now want a new yacht, in order to be like the "deah pwince."

The Ladies the Chief Attraction Chicago News Record. I It seems that the least essential part of s plan can be successfully urged upon the come the advantages to be secured from the horse show is the horse.

A LOOK AROUND.

THAT finest of local bridges, the one at Sixth street, will probably be finished in February. The work on the new structure has progressed as rapidly as was expected

"ONE of the reasons money is tightening up in Pittsburg," sald an old banker yesterhas gone into permanent investments in the way of realty or bonds and stocks. I should say that at least \$5,000,000 has been put into such investments here during the past 18 months. Then, too, business is good and this has used up the available low rate money. It is a good sign at this time of year to have money tightening up."

A FEW moments ago I was talking about a tight money market. Not many minutes after I had left the gentleman who talked to me on that subject with all the nonchaance of one who deals in thousands every day, I chanced upon some very young girls who were looking into a jeweler's window and in cheery fashion were discussing Christmas, and the contrast between their views and that of my banker friend was touching and yet amusing. They were bright-looking, plainly dressed working girls on their way home from their places of employment-this bevy that stood at the jeweier's, and their money market was evi-dently always tight. That did not affect their enjoyment; they did not even appear to know that it was tight. They enjoyed the pretty things on display, told each other about things to be seen in other windows, and then began discussing their own prospective purchases and possible presents. There was the utmost frankness about the expressions of these girls who had no susicion that anyone in the outside world was listening to their confidences. It struck me that one of the benefits of being poor was that you not only know exactly you have, but also what you need, and have a similar degree of precise information as to the possessions and desires of your immediate family and close friends. Now there are many people who at this time of the year are in a quandary on both these points They are in lear of getting a lot of things they do not want or already have, or of placing other folks in the same predica-

ONE mite in this group of girls-a pale ittle thing of perhaps 14-shyly informed her companions that "Nell and me 's going wants to get him a brown one and I want to get a black one 'cause he's red headed." This statement delivered in an earnest tone was received in the spirit it was given and appropriate shades of coats for red headed persons were eagerly canvassed. Then arose, think of it, ladies! there actually arose a discussion among those five girls as to whether it would be permissible for one of them to give her sister some cheap article of jeweiry instead of "something sensible." such a question arising in this age and place! The matter was brought to the attention of her comrades by a slender, serious-looking girl of about 15. She had given this elder sister a muff last year and had received by way of offset a fur tippet. This struck the group as being a particularly "nice" exchange and the trend of opinion was at once turned toward "something sensible." There was no scoffing about ir, no levity in the suggestions. Each girl had her own little plan to be advised about and she did her best to aid in bringing the others to a happy issue. Unless I mistake, the girl who got the muff last year will get an umbrella this time Just as they began to take up the idea of the next girl they moved on up the street and I lost their unselfish, kindly comments.

Is there a happier playing at Providence of the special and earthly sort than in giving those who are in need just what they want at this happy Christmas time? Poverty upheld by pride and keenly sensitive to any attempt to relieve it at any other time, takes from the hand of St. Nicholas his good things in the same spirit that beauty submits to be kissed when caught under the

"My recollection of Pittsburg apart from the smoke and dirt," said an Englishman to me in London last summer, "is a city on t that with raw hillsides sticking up here and there like the skeleton and rios of a huge yellow beast. Why don't you plant some grass on the bare spots? Look at what has been done in the way of terraces in this ountry, at Richmond, below the Star and Gurter restaurant, for instance." I too not done to make these hillsides a little sightly, and 1 am glad to hear that Chief Bigelow has some plan under advisement in which he will seek to co-operate with the where of the property.

BEFORE very long it is said that a fine building will be built by the Bank of Pitts. ourg on its lot which runs from Fourth to Third avenues. The building will be seven r eight stories high and very handsome in

ACCOUNTS GENERAL W II HEVERT was in the city vesterday on legal business and left for home on the evening train. He is not very busy with politics just now, but is said to be at work on several important neasures which are to be laid before the

A PRINCETON ALUMNI MEETING.

Pennsylvania Graduates Mest and Banquet at the State Capital. HARRISBURG, Dec. 9 .- [Special.]-Fifty mem bers or more attended the annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Alumni Asso ciation of Princeton College, and had a good

time. The faculty of old Nassau was repre sented by Pro'. Magee, who was given a most cordial reception.

The officers elected are: Judge John B. McPherson, ot Lebanon, President; Representative S. M. Wherry, of Shippersburg, Vice President; George E. Etter, Harrisburg, Secretary, and J. Woods Brown, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Treasurer. The banquet at the Commonwealth was an elaborate affair, and eloquent responses to toasts were made.

THE WIZARD'S WILL

JAY GOULD exercised the right which wa his when he left all his property to his chil-THE same spirit of avarice which characterized Gould's life is apparent in his

death.—Chicago Dispatch. THE widow's mite is infinitely larger in every respect than Jay Gould's contribution to the Lord .- Buffalo Inquirer. JAY GOULD'S will coatains no public be-

quest of any kind. He was faithful to himself unto the end .- New York Advertiser. JAY GOULD left nothing for charity, reigion or education. The popular estima tion of the man seems to have been right -Cleveland Leader.

public welfare that he showed in the acamulation of it.—Detroit Journal. THE memory of Mr. Gould will not appear in favorable contrast with the living deeds of such men as Leland Stanford and John D. Kockefeller.—Columbus Dispatch THE world would have thought better of

wealth to charity or to some sort of public benefaction .- Wheeling Intelligencer. JAY GOULD'S whole life was one of acquiring and keeping. In his will he has so arranged it that his immense estate will remain in the family.—Philadelphia Call. WHATEVER else can be said against him, it said that he disposed of his vast fortune in such a way as to pamper his fam-

Jay Gould if he had left some of his great

As Mr. Gould's accumulations were his own, he had the undisputed right to dispose of them as he saw fit. Mr. Gould evidently believed that charity begins, and should end, at home.—Baltimore Heraid.

OUR MAIL POUCH.

The Smoke Problem.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: As the writer understands, our city Councils are about to frame an ordinance making and the result is something imposing and it obligatory upon all steam boller owners excellent. The bridge costs about \$590,000 in the 13 lower wards of the city to stop and the expenditure led to the increase of making dense smoke. As it is established capital to \$625,000, it having been \$250,000 before that. The difference was either paid structed furnaces, accompanied with in-out of the surplus or is carried at floating telligence on the part of the fireman, the smoke can be almost totally consumed, it might be well in the proposed ordinance to furnaces properly; and, second, that the day, "is that a very large amount which for fires be properly attended to. It would some time was used in discounting paper manifestly be unjust to fine a freman for permitting smoke from an improperly built furnace. That should be the lookout of the owner. While, on the other hand, with a good furnace given him, a careless fireman should be punished for neglect of duty. As there is a real saving of fuel when fires are properly maintained, said increase to be proportioned to the saving effected, for economy comes only through well directed intelligence, the said intelligence should be paid for.

paid for.

To prevent smake from issuing from boiler furnaces of any kind it is absolutely necessary that just sufficient oxygen, or air. be admitted to the combustion chamber in the proper time as will unite wish the carbon of the coal, and this mixture must be brought to the temperature of lgnition before escaping into the chimney. That furnices can be built to accomplish these results, without paying an exorbitant amount for the sforesaid "intelligence," there can be no doubt. What is wanted for general adoption are the simplest forms of furnaces, easily comprehended and susceptible of adjustment.

At the last meeting of the Society of Engineers there was considerable said readmitted to the combustion chamber in Engineers there was considerable said re-garding the smoke from domestic fire-, which is growing to be such a nuisance in which is growing to be such a unisance in the dwelling parts of the city. The committee's report did not afford much encouragement for the belief that this form of evil could so easily be diminished, though on this score the writer's attention has, since that meeting, been called to a simple device, on the same principle which met with the most favor at the Kensington Exhibition in London a few years ago, and which may assist in solving the problem in Pittsburg. In a few weeks a practical trial of the device is promised, and it is to be hoped that the result will prove what is so carnestly desired.

T. P. R. Pitrsburg, Dec. 2.

SMALL MINES PLAYING OUT Cause Quite a Panicky Condition of Affairs

in Denver. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Treasury officials attach no special significance to to-day's dispatches from Denver, in regard to the panicky condition of the silver mining interests in Colorado. The fact that many of the small mines are being abandoned is taken to indicate simply that they are played out and can no longer be worked at a profit. The together and get Jimmy an overcont. Nell natural result of such a condition is depart-wants to get him a brown one and I want to ure of the miners for other fields of labor. It is held that the recent depreciation of silver in the London market, and the predicted failure of the International Conference to advocate a more liberal use of silver

ence to advocate a more liberal use of silver as money can have no direct bearing on the present situation in Colorado, for the reason that silver has risen in value during the past lew days, the Treasury Department paying today half a cent more an ounce than was paid on Wednesday last.

One of the officials said today in speaking of the subject: "The production of silver does not appear to be falling off at all in consequence of the shutting down of the small mines in Colorado, and so far we have experienced no difficulty whatever in securing our \$4,500,000 or that metal every month. Or course the mines that don't pay are constantly closing down, but it is hardly due to a depreciation of silver. The production of depreciation of silver. The production of silver always falls off in the winter months. silver always fails on in the winter months, but the smelters generally have enough of the ore on hand to keep them busy. One reason why I am sure there is no indication of a decrease in the production of silver, lies in the fact that several of the largest smelt-ing and refining companies in Omaha, Den-ver and Kansas are enlarging their plants."

BEER WITHOUT A STING.

A Newly Invented Chicago Beverage That Contains No Atcohol.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Beer with froth and an acrid taste, but without alcoholic properties-that is what is promised Chicagoans by the Non-Alcoholic Brewing Company, incorporated to-day, Its officers say it will mult and hops, but the beverage will not be allowed to ferment." The secret process was discovered by Prof. Breschler, who has been experiment-

facturers do not expect a saloon trade. ANOTHER CALF CASE

It Incites One Missouri Farmer to Sue His Neighbor for \$25,000.

ST. Louis, Dec. 9 .- A suit as curious as the famous "Jones county calf case" is that of Louis Fierer against Thomas Lowery for \$25,000 damages for alleged malicious prose-Lowery had Flarer arrested on the charge of stealing a calf from him valued at \$40.

He was indicted by the grand jury, but upon trial in the Circuit Court was acquitted. He thinks he has been damaged \$25,000 by Low-ery's charges and asks judgment for that CATTLE DYING IN DROVES.

Frightful Consequences of the Long Drouth in Parts of New Mexica. DENVES, Cot., Dec. 9.—A prominent cattle-man from Northwestern New Mexico, just arrived here, tells of fearful suffering an the cattle of the drouth-stricken district. For more than two years the heavens have refused to yield rain, so that the water courses are dried up and the irrigating ditches are useless.

"At a low estimate," said he, "75,0% to 100,000 head of cattle have died from starvation and lack of water."

Uncle Sam's Deficiency for the Year. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The Secretary of the freasury to-day informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives that the deficiencies of the Government for the current fiscal year are estimated at \$14,635,520, of which \$10,500,000 is on account of pensions.

Committee Places for Mr. Sipe. Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative Sipe, of Pittsburg, was to-day placed by Speaker Crisp on the Committee of Militia and the Committee on Expenditures in the Post-

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Prof. John Strong Newberry, Geologist.

flice Department.

Prof. John Strong Newberry, one of the Prof. John Strong Newberry, one of the most eminent geologists in the United States, is dead in New Haven. He was born in Windsor, Conn., 71 years ago, and was educated at Western Reserve College and Cleveland MedicalCollege, Early in 1851 he began the practice of medicine in Cleveland. He served as assistant surgeon and geologist in an expedition to explore the country between xan Francisco and the Columbia river. This was the first of several similar expeditions in the then unknown West in which he served. When the late war broke out he became a very prominent member of West in which he served. When the late war broke out he became a very prominent member of the Sanitary Commission. He became Secretary of the Western Department of the commission, with headquarters at Louisville. When peace returned he was appointed Professor of Geology and Paleontology a: Columbia College School of Mines, and soon became the head of that cepartment. He held this chair until nis death, having created one of the finest scientific museums in the country. He became State Geologist of Ohio in 1852. He was considered an expert with reference to mining property. He was a member of numerous societies on both continents, and was President of the New York Academy of Science and of the Torrey considered an expert with reference to inlining property. He was a member of numerous societies on both continents, and was President of the New York Academy of Science and of the Torrey Botanical Club. Dr. Newberry is the author of many volumes, especially of scientific reports is-sued in the line of his official duties. THE inte Jay Gould's disposition of his property shows the same contempt for the

John A. Nash, Politician, John A. Nash, one of the leading lawyers The deceased was over 4 years old. He was the leading counsel in an important case that had been on trial this week, and made an able speech before the jury Thursday. Deceased was a brother of Rev. James Nash, of the Epiphany Church, Phila-

Mrs. Mary Snyder Keating. Mrs. Mary S. Keating, widow of Hugh Keating, died at her home on Robecca street, East End, yesterday. She was Styears old. Mrs. Keat-ing is the mother of ex-Councilman A. F. Keating, Her husband died a number of years ago. She was prominent in church work, and was known for her generosity. The old lady had a wide circle of friends and relatives who will mourn for hor. ily pride or please his vanity.-Rochester

> Oblinary Notes. COLONEL JOHN BYAN, who fought with Sam Houston for Texas' independence, died a pauper in the Kansas City Hospital Thursday.

ARRANGING FOR A CONTEST.

The Cambrian Choral Union Get ing Ready for the World's Fair Musical Battle-

Women Improving Fnemselves-A Move to Protect Motormen-Social Chatter. THE Cambrian Choral Union of this city will assemble this evening in the lecture room of the Welsh Presbyterian Church on Second avenue for its first winter rehearsal preparatory to entering the competition for the \$5,800 prize and the gold medal emble-matic of the championship at the World's Fair Eisteddfod at Chicago next August. This will be the first regular winter rehearsal since the summer vacation. A full attendance of all members is expected in order that all preliminary work may be completed, and that no time will be lost in commencing active work on the competi tive selections for the musical feast next

While a large number of these festivals commonly termed by the Cambrians as Eisteddfods, have been held in this and other large cities in this country, the meeting arranged for the World's Fair city eclipses any hither to attempted in the magnitude of its national character, and surpasses the liberality of the eash premiums offered for chorus work at any Esteddiod over held on this side of the Christical

this side of the Atlantic.
One of the most successful and largest at tended festivals held in this country of recent years was the one that congregated in this city in 1887, when over 12,000 people attended the various sessions. It was the first contest ever held between the musical attended the various sessions. It was the first contest ever held between the rusical organizations located East and West of the Allegheny monotains. Scrantorf, with its well disciplined organization augmented and aided by some of the best musical talent of the Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys, represented the Eastern section of this State, while Utica looked after the Western part of the Empire State. Cleveland, Youngstown and Massillon sent delegates from the Western reserve, while the ardinous auty of defending the musical honors of Western Pennsylvania against such worthy an aconits devolved upon the Cambrian Cooral Union, inder the conductorship of Piof, D. J. Davies.

The Executive Committee of the Cambrian Choral Union, which is composed of the most prominent Kymry of this city, under the leadership of its charman, D. W. Llewellyn, is laboring assiduously to make the visit of the Choral Union to the Windy City a success, and the singers are enthusiastic in their determination to capture the \$5,000 prize and the gold medal.

The Cambrian Choral Union will give a series of three musicales here previous to the Chicago meeting, in order that the

series of three musicales here previous to the Chicago mee ing, in order that the friends of the Union and those in sympathy

with the movement may be accorded an op-portunity to review and judge the progress of the chorus work previous to the grand contest. The first is arranged for Saturday evening, December 24, and will take place at Old City Hall. WITHIN the last year or two the women of Pittsburg-maids as well as matronshave given up much of their time that was formerly devoted to social occupations to the improvement of themselves, intellectually and physically. There are clubs and societies all over the two cities, the objects of which are mental or physical culture, or both, and the effect of these societies is felt in many directions that at first sight would appear to be beyond the influence of this tendency toward improve-ment manifested by the lair ones. The keepers of bookstores say that there is a steady demand for books of an instructive character, while the sale of dictionaries has been absolutely unprecedented. Among the secieties that are particularly commendable some that meets every Friday afternoon in the Concordia Club. It is composed of a coterie of the daughters of the best Hebrer families of Allegheny, A course of lecture by Miss Craig, of the Pittsburg High School of the composition of the second of the composition of the second of the club. is occupying the attention of the club at present, her subject being English history. The members of the club are as bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked and altogether attractive a set of young girls as one would wish to see, proving conclusively that study is not deletions to the health when pursued with a due regard to physical demands.

THERE was a large attendance at the entertainment of Mrs. Jarley's wax works, in the Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, last evening, and the unanimously expressed opinion was that the performance throughout was a delightful one. Miss Mary Nelson represented the famous Mrs. Jarley in an able manner, and exhibited her wax figures in an amusing way. The figures were as stiff and staring as they could be, and there was no fault to be found with anything they did, because they did not do anything except stand still to be admired. Mr. C. M. Carothers stand still to be admired. Mr. C. M. Carothers rectted "The Charlot Race," from "Ben Hur," and a plano duet was well executed by Misses Strouss and Donaldson. Messrs. Strouss and Donaldson and Miss Marquis sang, and Miss Twitchell recited. The proing on the subject for three years. It will be supplied mainly to lamilies, as its manugramme was carried through smoothly, and all the performers were liberally applauded.

Wowey are naturally more inclined to see the suffering of those around them than are men. This has been said so often that there is nothing novel in the fact, but it has there is nothing novel in the fact, but it has just been exemplified in a marked manner by the women of Wilkinsburg, who are exerting themselves for the benefit of the motormen on the Duquesne traction line, and especially on the Wilkinsburg branch. and especially on the Wilkinsburg branch. These men are compelled to stand on an open platform, with no protection from the weather, and yet with all their senses on the alert to prevent their making any mistake in the management of the car. The ladies will send a petition, signed by practically everybody in the borough of Wilkinsburg, as well as by many along the route to East Liberty, to the managers of the company, begging them to build cabs for the motormen. The wind blows in their faces and the snow and sleet will punish them seand the snow and sleet will punish them s verely when the winter reaches its in force, say the petitioners, and they ask, in the name of common humanity, that some protection be afforded the men. It is ex-pected by the ladies that the company will not turn a deaf ear to their entreaties, the principal thing they are anxious about being tint the changes in the cars shull be made before the severe winter weather sets in.

THE Central Young Women's Christian Temperance Union has introduced a pleasant form of entertainment at their rooms, Penn avenue, on Fridays in the shape of noon concerts. There is instrumental and vocal music, and the young girls who go to the rooms for luncheon and to rest for an hour at midday are relreshed by the harmonies, and are enabled to return to their regular duties in store, office or workroom regular duties in store, office or workroom with energies renewed and an incress of am-bition that is beneficial to their employers as well as themselves. The music is always good, and the noon concerts are looked forward to with much eagenness by the members of the association. The entertain-ment yesterday was unusually pleasing. SURELY two brides were never more grace

SURREY two brides were never more gracefully honored than were Mrs. David Bissell and Mrs. Thomas Patterson at the reception given for them yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Moses Atwood, of Ridge avenue, Alleghony. Flowers were used liberally in the decoration of the elegant hone of the hostess, and the group of ledies in their pretty tollets gathered in the pariors completed a charming picture. Bridge receive so many attentions for so long after their marriages in Pittsburg and Alleghony that is is a good thing to be a bride evidently. The Travelers' Club held an interesting meeting yesterday afternoon in the Bible House, Arch street, Allegheny. Like all the other meetings of this instructive society, that of yesterday was informal and sociable. Papers were read on colonial history, followed by discussions that brought our much information and proved that the ladies of

tion and proved that the ladies of the club have made good use of their tim THE Board of Lady Managers of the West Penn Hospital will hold a meeting in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Asso-ciation on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to discuss plans for an entertainment to be given for the benefit of the hospital. in study since the last meeting.

A "DEESTRICT SKILE" entertainment is to be given in the Wikinsburg Opera House, next Thursday evening, under the direction next Thursday evening, under the direction of the J. R. Reed Alssion Band of the Wilkinsburg Presbyterian Church.

A CHEER IN COURT Greets a Judge When He Hands Over to

the Grand Jury a Child Beater. Louisville, Dec. 9.-There was a sensational scene in the city court room this aftrnoon. Dr. D. G. Stevens and his wife had been arraigned for inhumanly treating little Annie Burre a servant girl. The testimony was so terrible in its nature that the secution made no argument and Judge Thompson refused to allow the attorneys for the defense to speak, holding the defendants over to the grand jury in \$1,000 ball As he rendered his decision the crowd in the court room broke out in one great

Would Be Death to the Dudes. Omaha World Herald.

Why does not some one invent a smokeless

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. -In 1891 8,508 churches were erected. -Blooming roses are at present to be seen

Eastport, Me. -The oldest newspaper in Germany was printed in Latin about 1494.

-Roman epicures kept oysters till putrid, then ate them with honey. -Cavendish in 1773 proved electricity to

exist in a certain kind of fish. -The Egyptians in the fourth dynasty. 5,000 years ago, had four kinds of wine. -The United States maintains lights on

A vegetarian is better off in the summer and the meat-eater stronger in the winter. -Greek theaters had no roofs, but porticos, to which the spectators retired when

9,959 miles of coast and river navigation.

-The value of the honey and war produced in this country during the past year was \$20 000,000.

-The process of engraving on glass by electricity is exhibited at the American Is -One hundred and sixty-five Confederate Army Generals yet survive. Twenty-nine have died since January.

-Since 1831 over 1,000,000 Bibles have been distributed among the German troops under the direction of the Emperor. -Of the whole length of the Suez Canal,

63 miles are cuttings, 14 were made by oredzing through the lakes, and 3 miles re--A very extensive industry in Russia con-ists of the manufacture of wooden spoons, which are made to the number of 30,000,000 annually.

-The favorite drink in Nubis is made rom fermented dhurva bread. It is called ombuibul, because it makes the drinker sing like the nightingale. -The Swiss "wine of blood" is so called

from the battle of Birs, fought on the vine-yard; 1,630 Swiss opposed 30,000 French, and were all killed but 16. -The Germans and Saxons drank their wine and beer from horns unprovided with

handles or feet, so that the born had to be emptied by each drinker. -It does not seem to be generally known that the turkey was domesticated by the Indians long before the discovery of this continent by white men, but such is the

-A New York daily newspaper now

orints a coupon which entitles the holder to

a ten minutes' consultation with a solicitor

named on the coupon, and the newspape pays the fee -It is said that Massachusetts is the only State in the Union which provides, by

shaving is exactly opposed to that of the Roman monk. He shaves all but a round patch, the hair of which grows long, and forms the pig-tail. -Falling stars are numerous in Italy about the time when the Catholic Church

-As for the Chinaman, his method of

celebrates the martyrdom of Saint Law-rence. They are, therefore, poetically called the "tears of Saint Lawrence." -"Boot Hill" is the suggestive name of a mound near Tascors, Tex., which contains 23 nameless graves. All the occupants of this little cemetery closed their lives rather suddenly—in fact, died with their boots on. -The rivers of Russia grow shallower year after year, and the Vorskia, once an

abundant tributary of the Dnieper, and as wide as the Hudson or Delaware, 250 miles in length, has completely and permanently dried up. -The estimated wealth of the United States-that is, the value of all lands, build ings, railways, etc.—is put at \$54,000,000,000 The amount of money of all kinds is estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury to be \$2,103,133,091.

-Hans Carl Christian Emile Laurit Rasmussen was the name of a resident o New York. He applied to Judge Book staver, in the Court of Common Pleas, to

in every respect, resembles the original jected to a high pressure. The product i well suited for combs, billiard balls and -Among the most sacred relics of Hor luji is the veritable eyeball of Buddha. I looks like nothing else but the tiny, black well-boiled pearl that one so often finds i

is being brought out and displayed. -Little alligators, sent to France from Florids, are very popular pets with fashion able Frenchwomen. They seldom live to dangerous size, thanks to their confinemen and constant gorging of bits of raw ment t amuse their mistresses. A grown-up allign

tor, even if very tame, would not be a nic

thing to have about a drawing room.

-In sorting over the letters from variou parts of the world, 197 different ways c parts of the world, he different ways of spelling Chicago have been found, amon them "Jagjago," "Hipaho," "Jajiro," "She cha o," "Hizago," "Chachiene," and scholarly resident of Finland includes i "Zizzzo," A collection of addresses is to b kept for exhibition at the World's Fair. -The captains of ships which carr

bricks have to be very careful. An ordinar

brick is capable of absorbing a pint of water So with a cargo of bricks in the hold serior leakage may quite well go on undetected for the water that enters is sucked up as far as it gets in. If this should be the case it consequences are bound to be most fatal. -"Edison" is the name of a village i New Jersey which has sprung into exi

new Jersey which has spring has been during the past two years owing to a invention of Edison's. It stands on the sic of an old deserted iron pit, called the Orde mine, which, after Edison invented h "magnetic ore separator," was acquired by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concertration Company. -Taking a census in Iudia always arous the popular superstitions and dread of in known evils. After the last census of the Bhils their chiefs insisted on a new Imperit obligation that "in juture no Bhil wome should ever be weighed," they fearing the the plumpest and heaviest women, the national beauties, were being checked off appropriation by the census takers.

-Time suspends his ravages in Egyp where the smallest marks of a knife on plece of wood remain at the close of 2,6 years as distinct as on the day they we out, and you can see after twice that inte out, and you can see after whice that you wal where a chisel slipped upon a block stone. The climate there is antiseptic, ar a manuscript, if untouched by the spoils might last as long as that most indestructible of the works of men, an inscription on

ORIGINAL AND JOCOSE, OUR CHAPERON. She was a dainty widow, Quite popular with our sex, And as a bang-up chaperon

Was the best I ever met. With her around of hearts you thought, Like love she was in one respect, Dear soul; she was so blind. GETTING EVEN.

"Why didn't you speak to that felle we just passed? He howed almost to the ground "I didn't want to; I cut him intentionally." "Why?" "He's my barber."

FOR COMPORT'S SARE. "They were next door neighbors and es had a young son. The other evening they a their attorneys met by appointment, and in a nce of witnesses drew up an agreement, presence of which would cost the guilty one j

"What was the agreement?" "That neither was to give his son a drum QUITE RIGHT. "It's more blessed to give than to

\$1,000.

ceive, " said the minister, when he received a g of home-made slippers, worked in light blue or green background from Miss Antique, "How many tailors have you?" was ask

of a beardless dude?"
"One, of course."
"Then you better get more, for it takes nine