Nocturnal Experiences.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.-At the closing

day's session of the American Psychological

-Japanese children are taught to write with both hands.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Nearly 100 different machines have been invented for boring rock.

-The town of Forsyth, Mo., is 50 years

old and never had a church. -The rice crop in the South this year is estimated to be 225,000,000 pounds,

-The city of New York cares for 18,000 lunatics at a cost of \$625,000 a year. -The Swiss and German pikemen were during the difteenth century esteemed the

-Intoxicating liquors have been made

from the sap of the birch, the willow, the poplar and the sycamore. -Kentucky will try the experiment of permitting three-fourths of a jury in civil

cases (nine jurors) to render a verd

-Unbroken 4-year-old colts, suitable for military purposes, can be bought in the Australian colonies at from \$50 to \$75 each. -A sawmill was stolen bodily in Hancock county, Ky., a few days ago. Not a trace of the machinery could be found.

-Finland has just been celebrating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of printing in that co -It is expected that 16,000 carloads of

the World's Fair between now and the lst of May. -It has been discovered that a manufactory of "relics" has been in operation in Edinburgh, Scotland, for some time. Relies of Burns were the staple product. -During the eleventh century a fashion

of embroidering the initials of the name and the family arms on the garments began in Italy and spread all over Europe. -Miss Maud Ziovierzchkowitinskis, of Chicago, was married recently. It took the minister so long to pronounce the name that

they had to have the wedding the day be

-An advertisement for a school teacher in an Indiana paper reads as follows: "He must be a man sound in body and intellects not afraid to use the rod. Wages \$10 per month and board around."

-A study of a German map, on which is plotted the stations of the troops in their huge army, shows that the majority are so placed as to be conveniently moved in sec-tions to the French frontier. Mrs. James R. Mellon last evening, given by -Probably the most interesting section

of the Transportation Building at Jackson Park will be that devoted to primitive methods of transportation and the canoes and sleds of uncivilized tribes. -The Athenian Archeological Society

has carried out some excavations on the site of ancient Corinth, which have resulted in the discovery of a considerable building be-longing to the fifth of sixth century E. C. -Many of the so-called hotel bell-boys in

this country are fathers, and some are grandfathers. San Francisco lays claim to three who are over 50 years of age, one of whom recently retired from business rich. -The superiority of tea over brandy in many cases is beyond question. The idea still lingers that alcohol keeps out the cold.

As a matter of fact, mountaineers have

found by repeated experience that the oppo-site of this holds true. -Vanilla is an orchid, which in the West Indies creeps over trees and walls like ivy. A substance called "salep," somewhat resembling arrowroot or sago, is obtained from the tubers of a variety that grows in Turkey and Persia, where it is highly esteemed.

-Recent studies of cancer not only indicate that it is an organic growth, but almost certainly prove that it is itself liable to the attack of another parasite. Better acquaint-ance with the relations of these parasites may possibly bring the long-sought method of arresting cancer.

-There are two fixed rules for proportioning the human form; just two. They are that eight heads (that is, skull lengths) make the total height of the figure, and that the invariable center of the total length of the whole figure should be the front termin-ation of the lowest part of the pelvis.

-Senator Don Cameron has seeded 100 acres of his Donegal farm, near Marletta,

of forests; 200,000 families are supported from them, while something like 3,000,000 find employment in the various wood industries of the empire. The total revenue from the forests amounts to \$14,500,000, and the current expenses are \$3,500,000.

-It is the ambition of every Turkish official to get his daughter into the Sultan's harem, each occupant of which receives the title of Princess, together with a large

dower, a staif of 10 servants, a carriage and four, and last, but not least, the possibility of gaining influence over the Sultan, and so raising her family in rank and power. -Hungary is stated to be the country where railway traveling is the cheapest. It is said to be possible to Journey from Buda

Pesth to Kronstadt, a distance of 500 miles. for 6, 84, being at the rate of six miles a penny. Low as this price is it is liable to a reduction of one-half in the case of laborers

journeying in parties of not fewer than ten. ... The latest feat in snoon-carving is renorted from the capital city of Iowa, and was accomplished by S. E. Wilcox. He took a common Iowa souvenir spoon, one bearing the lown coat of arms on its handle, and wrote the whole of the Lord's prayer in its bowl. Every letter and comma is in its proper place, and can be easily read with the

naked eye. -Dogs are slaughtered for culinary purposes in considerable numbers at Munich. The triend of man comes to table not only as sausages, but dressed in various forms, and with divers sauces, without any attempt at

incognito. This departure in gastronomy is said to have been introduced by the numer-ons Italian laborers who have settled in the Bayarian capital. -It was either the precise telegraph operator who objected to abbreviations, or the intelligent compositor or telegraph editor who filled in the omission of the un-

intelligent operator, but the Butte Inter-Mountain the other day paraded sign. Satolil before its readers as "Manager Satolii," and thus set him forth in heavy black display type at the head of the column, too.

-The Mikado's government has come to the conclusion that both the stature and physique of the Japanese people are unsatisfactory and in need of improvement. A

parliamentary commission appointed to in-vestigate the causes of this lack of stamina has, after prolonged investigation, ascribed it to the vegetable diet to which the Jap-anese have hitherto mainly confined themselves.

-Calculations, based on the observation of the refraction of light, have caused it to be supposed that the air becomes so rare at the height of about 60 miles that the distance may be regarded as the limit to its sonsible excent; but other calculations, made during the present century, of the distance from the earth at which meteors indic, in dicate that the atmosphere extends to up-

ORIGINAL AND JOCOSE,

THE LAZY BOX'S WATL.

Which was a noble deed. But still I am unhappy quite,
Throughout these winter days;
The reason for my safeness is I cannot coast both ways,

orse and sleigh. "Wny, that's the fastest and m spirited horse n my stable," said the liveryman.
"That's just what I object to: I had to use both my bands to drive,"

A SURE SIGN. If their hands are in their pockets,

When you pass the small boys near, I'll bet a dollar that you Get a snowball in the ear,

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THE DUTY OF CONGRESS. After Congress has got over its holiday, it should address itself without further delay to the protection of the country against epidamic next year. Advices from Europe place it beyond question that of the cholera there. Nothing but the most fatuous stupidity can prevent the knowledge that only the most stringent measures can protect this country against the danger of infection.

It is also an established fact that our present quarantine system is a weak one, because its strength can only be the strength of the weakest point. The whole country will be at the mercy of inefficiency, or inadequacy of appointments at any of the local quarantines, until a organized national quarantine is established. It is the duty of Congress to provide this without further de-That body should at once enact first, a quarantine at all the ports and borders under national control; second, the stoppage of all immigration while the cholera continues in Europe; third, a strict inspection, isolation and disinfection of all vessels, passengers and goods from

any infected section for the same period. It is time for Congress to show, and that without further delay, whether the protection of the country against a fatal epidemic is of equal importance in its estimation with the ordinary results of partisan squabbling.

WHERE A PROFIT COMES IN.

During the past two years the accommodating policy of New Jersey in affording broad-gauge charters to corporations who are thereby enabled to do business in other States with reference to the latter's laws has resulted in a business that turns out surprising totals. The aggregate of corporations that have taken out charters in that period is 1,626, and their capital stock foots up the neat sum of \$600,000,000, principally water.

One of the peculiar features of the New very moderate rate of charges imposed for the privileges extended. A natural supposition would be that when a State starts out in the business of granting charters to enable trusts and combines to defy the laws of other States, it would exact a good revenue for the business. So far New Jersey has not done so, the tees for the broad-gauge charters being little more than those charged in other States. But in the organization of the "Corneration Trust Company" of that State there is an intimation of compensations for the liberality.

The new company includes among its corporators a choice assortment of the Jersey politicians, Democratic and Republican, who have influence on New Jersey legislation. Its function is to erect a building and furnish safes and vaults for the deposit of their charters and papers, and rooms in which their annual meetings can be held. The destitute condition of the highly capitalized corporations which have a name but no local habitation in New Jersey certainly presents a case for remely. The new corporation will furnish the remedy and habitation for all of the New Jersey

corporations which do business elsewhere. We have no doubt that the corporations in question will recognize the pertinency of the enterprise, and will make haste to Jerry's famous but self-deprecatory trioccupy the quarters offered them by the umph over grammar is applicable, "I gentlemen to whom they are indebted for past favors. While New Jersey may not make much money from her broad-gauge charters there is a prospect that her influential politicians will not go unrewarded.

ANTI-CANAL IDEAS. The Buffalo Express takes the unique course of supporting the appropriation for the Delaware and Raritan Canal on the ground that it is a modest request for only \$25,000 in the first place, and, further, that it would be a good idea to build a short canal like the Delaware and Raritan

for an experiment. This is intended to be humorous, but it is not as humorous as the anxiety of the Express, being located at the end of an old-fashioned canal, that all ship canals shall be located as far away from Lake Erie as possible. The theory that a town which has enjoyed the business of transfers frem one route of transportion to another must of necessity oppose any improvement has had some peculiar illustraprevent through railroads from passing the past thirty years that the manifestation of the same spirit by the Express takes the form of indorsing ship canals

as far away from Buffalo as it can get. Nevertheless its humor of wanting ship canals somewhere else leads it to make assertions which should not go uncontradicted. The Philadelphia proposition is not a modest one. It asks \$25,000 for the survey of a canal between two cities that already have the benefit of ocean navigation: while but \$10,000 is asked for the survey of the Ohio River and Lake Erie Canal, which is three times as long and ten times as important. The necessity of taking a short canal for an experiment is much less pertinent. Since Buffalo has within a half day's journey of it a ship canal 12 feet deep which has shown the of digging a canal three or six feet deeper is not one of such tremendous doubt as

requires experiments on a large scale. If the opponers of ship canals do not use reason or common sense in their arguments is it not charitable to suppose that it is because there is neither reason nor

LAW FOR LAWLESSNESS. Milwaukee is confronted by a state of affairs, the continuance of which must inevitably result in the city's rapid ruin. During two months, just past, it has suf-EASTERN ADVERTISING OFFICE, ROOM IS, fered by fire to the extent of \$5,000,000. There are no reflections cast on the efficiency of its fire department, and the circumstances of the conflagrations are such as leave no reasonable doubt that their origin was incendiary. The last of the series is positively asserted by the only evewitness of its outbreak to have been caused by the throwing of a bomb.

Insurance agents have refused to assume risks on manufacturing property and the issued for a mass meeting of citizens today to organize for the suppression of the criminals. The Mayor has offered a reward of \$2,500 for the arrest of anyone guilty of incendiarism in the immediate past or future; and one hundred special policemen have been enrolled. These measures are none too strong in view of

the seriousness of the evil they are adopted to cure or abate. No possible motive has been assigned for the perpetration of the arson, except the expressed belief of the police in the insanity of the bomb-thrower supposed to have caused the last loss. But it is extremely doubtful whether one man alone could have caused the whole or greater part of the series, and madness-in the ordinary sense of the term-does not usually run in gangs. Madness alone, however, either literal or metaphorical, can be ascribed as

the motive for crimes so dastardly and so disastrous to the comthere is a stubborn survival of the germs | munity. Neither maniaes nor criminals so dangerous as to be a constant menace to the safety of lives and property in a big community should be at large. Milwaukee has taken the right way for the confinement of the culprit or criminals, and it must persist therein until the possibility for such insane lawlessness is put an end to.

There has been far too much of law lessness on a large scale up and down America during the year just closing. A continuance of such criminality can only uniform, well equipped and thoroughly be encouraged by tolerance. Under free institutions the safety of life and property are primary considerations, and 1893 must see the law enforced with a stern administration that the tendency to crime may be stamped under foot.

AN UNANSWERED QUESTION.

In reply to a journalistic opponent of the Nicaragua Canal scheme, who asserted that the canal might cost a thousand millions before it could be made capable of accommodating the commerce between the two oceans, the New York Recorder, an organ of the scheme, says:

The airy declaration that a thousand mil lions would be necessary is equally humorous. The engineers who have spent years in careful surveys fix the cost at from \$67,-000,000 (Menocal's estimate) to \$87,000,000 (Advisory Board's estimate), with allowance for

unlooked-for expenses. But the Recorder stops there, having proved altogether too much for the present proposition, without any attempt to expiain the vital point. We must renew our request for information as to that important issue. Expert authority having fixed the cost of the canal at considerably below \$100,000,000, what is the justice or honesty of asking the Government to indorse a loan of that amount? Who is to get the \$13,000,000 to \$33,000,000 which Jersey policy in this matter has been the by the showing of the experts and advo cates of the bill is to be a clean rake for

some one? As long as that question remains unanswered, the bill classes itself as one of the rankest jobs of the age. If the question were answered truthfully it might disclose the inspiration of some of the energetic

efforts to boom the bill. SOURCES OF WEATHER.

The astronomers have recently been discovering with great zeal a sun spot which s more than a spct, having a protuberance of 740,000 miles from the sun's chromo sphere. Inasmuch as sun spots have been charged with the responsibility for hot waves, evelones, dry spells, rainy seasons and electric storms, it is an inevitable conclusion that so remarkable a solar confluoration as this must have produced the

Christmas weather. Nevertheless there is a rival cause entitled to due consideration. Uncle Jerry Rusk has been furnishing a first-class article of Republican weather for some time. He made some bad slips in his early experiments in that line; but, rather than attribute it to any such remote and mugwumpish source as a sun spot, we prefer to recognize the Christmas weather as the proudest achievement of the Harrison administration. In this Uncle seen my duty and I done it." One of the saddest reflections over the political changes is that Uncle Jerry will not have charge of the Christmas weather next

vear. AN UNFASHIONABLE FASHION.

Discussing the pressing necessity for a reform in the matter of the theater hat, the Philadelphia Times thinks it necessary that "the public should demand the adoption of the England system that compels

every lady to legve her hat at the door."

That is the last resort; but there are more arguments that may be effective before proceeding to ulterior measures. Since appeals to the courtesy, good taste and respect for others' rights proves futile in the case of American women they should be thoroughly informed of the fact that by persisting in the practice of wear ing large hats at the theater they are advertising their ignorance of real fashion. No woman of actually fashionable status in Europe, no person with any pretensions to aristocratic status, could wear a street ions in that locality. It broke out once hat to the theater any more than she in the attempt of a town of that section to | would sit down at dinner in a sealskin sacque. It is one of the ironies without transporting passengers or of the case that, while adherence freight. It is a sign of the progress of to a supposed fashion impels our women to override good taste and ignore common courtesy, the practice to which they adhere is one that betrays utter ignorance of the customs of the real models of fashion,

the aristocratic circles of Europe. Perhaps when our dear tyrants who per sist in shutting off our views of the stage grasp the fact that by so doing they are exhibiting their own ignorance of real fashion they may be ready to amend the practice and to copy the example of the titled ladies of Europe in giving other theater-goers a sight of the performance.

PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, of the Standard Oil Company, has given another million dollars to the Chicago University Western Pennsylvania has supplied no small portion of this wealth, but that has very little to do with its distribution. For one

value of such waterways, the experiment | thing Chicago has a way of looking after its interests on its own account that encourages others to help it. And, again, some Pittsburgers have an unpleasant way of peering too deeply into a glit horse's mouth that is bardly calculated to attract such things to

On the 18th instant the steamer Umbris

sai ed from Queenstown for New York, and since then nothing has been heard of her. Terrible weather has prevailed, and grave anxiety as to the fate of the vessel is natural. But it is far too early yet for despair, and the lears entertained are indications of the regularity and safety of transatiantic travel as a rule rather than evidence as to the probability of the steamer's loss. IF eriminal negligence were not the

cause of the disastrous Long Island explosion, its occurrence is a painful indication that there is still a deal to be learnt about dynamite before it can be used with safety within the city areas.

"WHO is responsible for the appointment of Bill Dalton as deputy marshai?" asks the Buffalo Express. The question is not a hard one to answer nor is it especially important. When it is asked who is responsible for the appointment of the class of United States marshals who are capable of deputizing Daltons then there will be a prospect of striking pay dirt.

IF cholera should find an entry to this country next year Congress will be to blame. Warning and time enough to heed it have been given. Proper precautions to exclude the disease are practicable and

should be taken. As THINGS are going nowadays the reported embezziement of 4.000,000 florins of education funds in Austria-Hungary is a very inconsiderable trifle. The amount is so comparatively small that the inclination to shield the culprits is hardly surprising. Aristocrats must do better than that to com pete with the French Democracy.

SENATOR SHERMAN has recognized the necessity for the repeal of the silver purchase bill that bears his name, and he cannot be too energetic in putting an end to the wastefulness he did so much to inaugarate.

UNIVERSITY extension is booming these days. The second national conference or the subject was opened in Philadelphia ves terday. The American Society for the Extension of University Teaching deserves hearty national support. And there is no better opening for its usefulness than in this city of Pittsburg.

THERE is a man in New York who reads proofs of the Bible in two hundred and forty-two languages. And still there are skeptics who deny the existence of the gift

AT last the Treasury Department has recognized the necessity for excluding from this country rags shipped by cholera-breed ing districts. It is to be hoped that the recognition will be maintained, whether the rags be shipped in bulk or carried on the persons of undesirable immigrants,

armed to protect themselves or the United States mails within the city limits. PROMINENT Christian ministers participated in the dedication of a Hebrew orphanage at Brooklyn yesterday. The incident

was a bright indication that unsectarianism

in charity is steadily making progress.

THERE is little credit to Pittsburg in the

necessity that any letter carriers should go

Russia, Germany and even France please copy. ALLEGHENY citizens cannot catechise councilmanic candidates too closely as to their views on matters of municipal im portance. That way safety lies.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLMAN is predict ing a commercial union of the American He must grievously underrate the extent of his own notoriety.

PERTINENT PERSONALITIES.

THE Rev. William Perrin, of St. Luke's Bishop of British Columbia. In the House of Representatives the man with the largest name is Archibald Henderson Arrington Williams, of North Carolina. THE Hon. Robert T. Lincoln. United

States Minister to England, returned to his post yesterday on the White Star steamship THE Hon. William Potter, the newly appointed American Minister to Italy, presented his credentials to King Humbert

vesterday. M. STAMBULOFF, Prime Minister of Bulgaria, is a crack shot with stones, and rarely fails to hit a moving object at a distance of

SIGNOR GIOLITTI, the late Prime Minster of Italy, has enormously strong muscles. He can bend a poker double with one hand and bend a coin right across. GEORGE MESERVE, a well-known Adi-

rondack driver, who for several years has been in Troy, N. Y., will go to Washington as conchman for President Cleveland. REV. R. T. MYER, Rector of Marquette college in Milwaukee, has been appointed cretary of the English Assistancy of the

Josuit Order which includes all of the English speaking Jesuits in the world. THE serious illness of the Shah of Persia is reported. The exact nature of it is not stated, but it is well known that he has long been very sick of the intrigues against his authority in various parts of his dominions.

CONGRESSMAN TOM JOHNSON, of Ohio. is always ready for a fight when anyone calls bim "Thomas." Tom is the proper name given to him by his sponsors, and he doesn't want it lengthened by any overpolite friend.

MRS. TEL SONO, the Japanese reformer who is now lecturing in this country to raise funds to establish in Tokio a non-sectarian training school for women and girls, had the honor of being the first woman lawver in Japan. She has been a Christian for only

SOLAR ECLIPSE IN APRIL.

The United States Government Ought to Send Out an Expedition.

New York Herald. The total eclipse of the sun which will take place on April 16 next will be especially important, as occurring during the period of maximum solar energy. It can be seen at about 8:15 A. M., Chile local time, in the Province of Atacama, where the conditions are extremely favorable, for clear weather and the steady atmosphere enable observers to secure the best possible

observations.

It is pointed out in a late issue of Nature that the Cerro del Cobre or neighboring ele-vations, some of which are 8,000 feet above sea level, afford admirable points for observing this eclipse. On the Cullean side of the Andes, in the Desert of Atacama, rain barely falls more than twice in the year, and then not before June. And in April the heights proposed for eclipse observatories are not too inhospitable for the health and

are not too inhospitable for the health and comfort of astronomical parties.

If an eclipse is ever again to be observed by an American expedition it would seem that this fine opportunity should not be lost. The Government should by all means send out an observing party to a favorable point in Chile or some other point near the central line of the zone in which the phenomenon will be total.

From One Who Knows.

Boston Heraid.] The Prince of Wales authorizes the anconnement that there is no vice that his royal highness so much deprecates as that of drunkenness. There now, chapples!

The Power of the Press. Washington Post.] An Obio editor has been sent to jail for telling the truth about a politician. When he gets out there will probably be another large installment of the same offense.

THE COMING LEGISLATURE.

lans of the Allegheny County Delegation Legislation That Is Proposed-The Slate for the Organization-The Election of a

Society this morning it was agreed to hold United States Senator. the next year's convention December 27 and THE bulk of the Allegheny county leg-28 at Columbia College. An interesting series islative delegation will leave for the State capital on Saturday. The General Assembly of observations of their dreams by two subjects formed the principal topic of an adconvenes on Tuesday. One or two of the local members, who are especially interested dress by Dr. E. C. Sanford, of Clark University. The observers during six weeks had in city politics, will not be present at the 350 dreams of which they took notes. The opening session, as the date conflicts with records showed that most of the dreams octhat of the Republican convention here. The greater portion of the delegation have curred after 4 a. M .: that the most vivid. long and connected occurred in the mornengaged quarters at Harrisburg together, and this action is an indication of the haring: fully 90 per cent were concerning the affairs of the day, while the remainder were fanciful. Only 10 per cent could be attributed with certainty to external stimulation, while there appeared to be no difference in the character of morning and evening dreams. nony and unity which prevail among them. Nearly all of the Allegheny county members have measures in which they are par-ticularly interested, and which they intend to press, but the bills are as yet in an embryotic state. For one thing the Western character of morning and evening dreams. Visual imagery dominated over auditory imagery in the proportion of 10 to 6. Dr. Sanford found no justification for the belief that reason, will and attention are dormant during sleep. The two observers differed as to the emotions dominating their dreams, one of them having uniformly pleasant experiences, while the other's dreams were generally disagreeable. The speaker concluded: "That we dream most of those things which we have actually experienced," and that the sensory element is the largest, a small associatory element being built up from it." Pennsylvania legislators will use every endeavor to afford all possible encourage ment to the Lake Erie and Pittsburg ship canal project. The Burdick oil bill, which prominent two years ago, is not expected to be much of a feature during the coming session. It may, however, make its appearance in a different shape. The improvement of the roads, though, will again be a vital issue, and the local members are from it."

Another series of experiments was made at the psychological laboratory of Clark University to test the daily variations of the human intellect by committing syllables to memory. The measurements showed force to be strongest before break as: in the morning, in the middle of the morning, afternoon and evening, in the order named. Before the noon and evening meals, intellectual energy sank low, recovering gradulecture. from it. in hopes that a measure can be passed which will meet the approval of Governor Pattison and the people at large.

Prospective Political L-gislation.

In the line of political legislation there are a number of important matters pending. Under ordinary circumstances the Congressional, Representative, Senatorial and Ju-dicial districts of the State would have been reapportioned before this time. The fact that the General Assembly and the Executive are of opposing politics has thus lar stood in the way, and unless a compromise can be effected may still do so. Governor Pattison vetoed the measures of this kind at the last session. It is hard to see, though, what the Democrats can gain by blocking the redistricting. The present arrangement is about as near a gerrymander as possible, and the Democrats have practically no chance of securing the two Congressmen who are elected at large because of the fail-

are to reapportion This matter is of especial importance to Allegheny Under the last census the county is entitled to three Congressmen instead of two and the fractional part of another district. It is hinted that the Repub lican leaders will endeavor to get rid of some factional quarrels when the new districts are formed. For instance, it is held to be highly desirable to separate Greene and Washington counties, whose feud was largely responsible for the failure to elect a Republican Congressman in that district. The attempt of ex-State Chairman An drews, of Crawford, to get into the Legislature through a contest may make an interesting incident. The managers are now un-

Mr. Andrews' ambition

derstood to be not particularly favorable to

The Nomination for Speaker. THE caucus of the Republican members of the House of Representatives, to select candates for Speaker and the other officers of the House, will be held in the hall of the House, at Harrisburg, on next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The latest slate bears the names of Representative Caleb C. Thompson, of Warren county, for Speaker; Charles E. Voorhees, Chief Clerk: A. H. Fet. terolf, of Montgomery, Resident Cierk; J. B. Rex, of Huntingdon, Reading Clerk, and Forrest R. Nichols, of Crawford, Journal Clark. Mr. Fetterolf is in the field as a candidate for Chief Clerk, but, although he announced some time ago that he would not accept any other position, his friends have agreed upon a compromise by which he will take the Resident Clerkship, which is now held by Mr. Voorhees.

It will be noticed that Allegheny county does not figure very extensively in this proposed arrangement. One of the clerkships was expected for this vicinity, but a lack of candidates or some reason has apparently caused a slip. This may be adjusted yet, and in any event the local representatives expect to be accorded a goodly share of the

minor positions.

The Speakership nomination is not, of course; formally conceded to Thompson yet.

If Mr. Lafferty remains in the field he wil receive a flattering support in the caucus! Burdick, of McKean, and Farr, of Scranton. also have ambitions in this line, and may secure some votes. But, nevertheless, Mr. Thompson will succeed himself unless there is a most radical change in the programme.

Wants a Good Chairmanship, NOTWITHSTANDING this fact, it is announced that the candidacy of Representative Harry L. Walton, of Philadelphia, will be maintained until the caucus decides the question. Mr. Walton gives it out that he is still in the field, and he has a number o supporters among the members from differ sections of the State who have pledged themselves to stand by him. In order that there may be no friction, however, and to prevent the impression going out among the country members that "Philadelphi wants everything," including the Speakership, the Chief Clerkship and the bulk of legislation, the Philadelphia members in general, while claiming to be friends Walton are prepared to abandon the idea of making him Speaker, and press him for the chairmanship of the Committee on Anpropriations, which, in the last House, was

held by James S. Fruit, of Mercer, who has been elected to the Senate A call has been issued for a cancus of the Democratic members of the House, to meet in the Supreme Court room at Harrisburg on Monday evening next. The call is signed by Representatives Fow, of Philadelphia Wherry, of Cumberland; Ritter, of Lycoming: Skinner, of Fulton, and Baker, of Montgomery. Messrs. Ritter and Baker have been mentioned in connection with the complimentary nomination of the party for the Speakership, with the chances in favor of Some of the Democratic members would like the compliment to fall to Mr. Wherry, but it is understood that he

does not desire the honor. Representative John Kearns, of the Fourth district is the only Democratic member of either branch from Allegheny county, and any honors set aside for the minority in this section will naturally be allotted to him. Mr. Kearns, too, has prepared some bills on important topics to

tends to devote considerable attention.

The Election of a Senator. THE chief event of the early session, of course, will be the election of a successor to United States Senator M. S. Quay. Congress majority of the Allegheny county delegation, and will receive their support in the Republican caucus, which will be called after the Legislature is organized. The election is fixed for Tuesday, January 17, at 3 o'clock P. M., when each House will vote separately. On the following day they will meet in joint convention, when the result

will be officially announced. Among other names which are more or less mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination are those of Congress men Robinson and Huff. The former declares he is a candidate, but nobody appears to be impressed with the announcement, while the latter has not definitely stated his intentions in the premises. Senator Quay's friends are in a most complacent mood an

announce that he will be chosen as his own

successor practically without opposition. For the complimentary Democratic nom nation several leaders have been spoken of. State Senator Ross perhaps most prominently. A local Democrat mentioned the name of James S. Guffey in connection with this honor, but there is no evidence that Mr. Guffey has any aspirations in that line.

Grover too Fat for Santa Claus

It is presumed that Grover did not play

Santa Claus in the Cleveland household

He never could have gotten down the chimney.

Atlanta Journal. 1

Forewarned Is Forearmed. Chicago Inter Ocean.] To express fears of cholera is not "bor mwing trouble " but only a wise awakening of the people to the dangers of the coming

the Panning Herseif.

A NEW GOLD GAME. How a Glpsy Maiden Salted a Mine and Did

WOOSTER, O., Dec. 28 .- [Snecial.]-For number of years it has been known to the neighbors of John Bubrher, an aged farmer residing near Paradise, this county, that he believed gold was located on his farm, and that he had spent many hours in secret search for the yellow stuff which was to make him rich. A story as to how he was swindled by a gipsy by resson of his belief, is now being told. It is stated that a band of gipsies recently pitched their tents in the vicinity, and, hoping that they might be able to aid him in locating the hidden

treasure, he visited the camp. He did not tell them of his vain search for gold, but the gipsy maid to whom he apgold, but the gipsy hand to whom he ap-piled to have his fortune told, confirmed him in the belief of its existence by telling him that if he would deposit \$50 in gold at a certain hour of night in a designated lonely spot he would next morning find the sum doubled by the little elves of good luck. She was so honest with him that he obeyed

She was so honest with him that he obeyed her with the fullest confidence, and to his delight he the next morning found the \$50 had sure enough doubled itself into \$100 of solid yellow gold.

He promptly informed the gipsy magician of his good fortune, and was eager for further advancement to wealth. She was so good and kind as to tell him to deposit \$100 next time, and thus obtain \$200, and so on until he had loads of money. He therefore secreted \$100 in gold, and early next mornanth he had loads of money. He therefore secreted \$100 in gold, and early next morning went to the elvin mine, but they must have been off on a legal holiday and taken with them the farmer's \$100, leaving him only the hole.

THEY CLAIM \$40,000,000.

A Snug Little Anthracite Estate Near Wilkesbarre Wanted by Ohioans.

Youngstown, Déc. 28 .- [Special.]-The Killey heirs in this section of Ohio are perfecting their claims to Pennsylvania property worth \$40,000,000. Sixty of the heirs met here this afternoon at the law office of W. S. Anderson to complete the details of closing

Anderson to complete the details of closing up their case.

Years ago Parkhurst Mosier owned an extensive tract of land near Wilkesbarre, underlaid with the finest coal in that region.

This land was leased to the Lehigh Coal Company. After Mosier's death the company sought out his lease and nurchased their interthe company sought out his heirs and purchased their inter-est in the property. Mosier left a daughter, Mrs. Killey, and the legal claim in the case is that her title and the title of her heirs are still vested in the property now worth

WEATHER OF A WINTER. KRIS KRINGLE and Jack Frost are traveling hand in hand this season .- Nashville Amer-

THE winter is spoken of as rolling on Maybe the balls so numerous this season help in the rolling business .- Philadelphia THE coal dealers are enjoying the present

many happy returns of the blizzard .- Ohio State Journal. NEARLY everyone has ice cream at his back door every morning nowadays, unless the milkman has forgotten to leave the can .-Boston Globe

Ir this cold snep continues for another

stress of weather, thank you, and hoping for

week, the Democrats and Independents will have to get together to keep warm .- Omaha World-Herald. FASHION note: Ears are worn red, tipped with white, or trimmed with velveteen muffs and a garniture of rubber string .-Chiengo News Record.

probably saw that its place was ably filled and that there was no use in setting up competition.- Washington Star. EVERY possible precaution should be taken at this particular season against the danger from fires. Cold weather and high wind are adroit incendiarists if they get a little

help.-Harrisburg Patriot. Ir this weather lasts much longer look on for a large advance in the price of ice next summer, upon the pretext that the ice is to thick to cut. If it does not last expect ditto on the score that there is none .- New York Advertiser.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Liel Lesbtoynski, Centenarian. Liel Lesbtoynski, a Russian Hebrew woman who died from old age Sunday at New York, was one of the oldest women on earth, if her tatement was true. She once to'd relatives that she was born in Odessa. Bussia, in 1798, which would make her 124 years old. According to the tale, when a young girl she went to St. Petersburg and was employed as governess in a noble family. The closes son fell in love with her and in consequence she was sent away. She married a Government cierk, who was subsequently banished to ment cierk, who was subsequently banished to Siberia for getting mixed up in a political conspiracy. She was left with four daughters. At the time of her death she was living with her daughter, Mrs. Kameoski, now 55 years old, and her grand-daughter, Mrs. Spiech, a middle-aged woman with a large family. The old woman had only been in this country 19 months. She was well known, however, for she was often seen wandering along the sidewalks. She was bent nearly double and her skin looked more like parchment than fiesh. She was held in superstitions awe by the women and children of the neighborhood.

William D. Sadler, father of Dr. Sadwilliam D. Sauler, lather of Dr. Sauler, the occulist, died at the home of his son on Grandylew avenue vesterda: morning. He was born in Massachusetts, and was married in New York to Miss Nancy Spires who survives him. The body will be burled in Miliburn, lil. Mr. Sadler was esteemed by all who knew him.

Prof. Joseph Karje.

Joseph Karie, a Professor of Continental Languages and Literature in the College of New Jersey at Princeton, died Tuesday on a ferryboat of the Pennsylvania Bailroad which was crosto New York. His son, a lawyer of that city, been ill and Prof. Karje was coming to visit for two or three days. He left Princeton o'clock, and about 4 o'clock was on the ferryb

Oblinary Notes. SURGEON H. P. HABVEY, U. S. N., died at Crawford, Miss., Monday, December 26, after a ong illness. Dr. Harvey was born in Kentucky. LOBING PICKERING, senior proprietor of the San Francisco Morning Call, died yesterday morning, after an illness of several weeks, caused by a complication of stomach and kidney troubles. JOHN H. GROVE died Monday morning in Buffalo of heart disease, aged 73. He published the Standard at Rockport, Ill., in the sixtles. At the time of his death he was the head of the Grove Roofing Company.

ROOMING COMPANY,

SUPERVISOR ALBERT WHITS, of Buffalo,
dropped dead while attending a session of the
board Tuesday morning. He was the leader of the
Republicans in the board. In 1891 he was Chairman of the Republican General Committee of Eris

Time of It Just Now-A Couple of Notable Events of the Kind-Wedding

THE schoolgirls are having it nearly all to themselves this week. They deserve to have a good time because they are such a merry, pretty set, and as they have been working hard at their studies since the beginning of the school term, they enter into the enjoyment of their holiday now with a vim that is as refreshing to the observer as

it is healthful for the participants. The dance given by Miss Anna Scalfe and Mr. Charles Scaife last evening at the home of their parents, Western avenue, Allegheny, was as pretty as pretty could be. The guests were dainty young girls and handsome, stalwart youths, and the general effect was of youthfulness in its most perfect development. The maidens were all pretily attired in light, fluffy costumes made in the latest mode, and the young men, in the black and white of evening dress, which is always so becoming to pink and white complexions, were worthy of their partners. Miss Anna wore a white silk, set off with chiffon, and her mother, who assisted her in her duties as hostess, looked very handsome in a lavender silk, covered with lace

and jet trimming.

The first floor of the house, which is a very large one, was thrown open to the dancers by the removal of all the furniture and the covering of the carpets with crash. Tall palms were set here and there and white cut flowers were disposed tastefully by artistic bands. The whole house was in white and green. Toerge's orchestra was acreened by lectual energy sank low, recovering gradually afterward. At 10 or 11 P. M. it was at its lowest ebb. In the discussion which followed, a comparison of experiences brought out the fact that none of the auditory dreams observed were musical in character. a lattice work of palms and the soft music set every foot moving involuntarily to its sempting measures. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and continued, with an intermission of an hour or so for refreshments, until early in the morning. The parents are just as anxious as the young people that they shall have a pleasant holiday time, and Mrs. Scaife entered into the spirit of the party last night with all the interest of the boys and girls. Among the young and beautiful representatives of well-known families of Pittsburg and Allegheny present last night were Miss Mary Laughlin, Miss Anna Watson, Miss Margaret Singer, Miss Jeannette Childs, Miss Mabel Clarke, Miss Mary Painter, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Mary Hays, lattice work of palms and the soft music Painter, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Mary Hays, Miss Agatha Jennison and others. Miss Anna Scaife is attending school at Farming-ton and Mr. Charles Scaife is at Cornell.

Another Pretty Affair, THERE was a dance at the residence of

Miss Rachel Larimor, Miss Mellon's niece. The affair was for the young friends of Miss Larimer, and was a distinctively holiday entertainment. The house was prettily decked with pink roses, holly and palms. The lower floor was used for receiving the guests, and refreshments were served in the lining room, which was one of the prettiest apartments in the house in its floral decora-tions, under the searching white rays of the electric lights. The center piece of large pink roses was especially beautiful. Miss Larimer, who is a vivacious girl of the ideal American type, made a charming hostess, and looked very beautiful in a blue gown, trimmed with Nile green, made of dancing length in the latest fashion. The baliroom in the Mellon mansion is on the third floor, length in the latest fashion. The baliroom in the Mellon mansion is on the third floor, and is of capacious dimensions with a delightfully polished floor, upon which the young occiple were able to extract the full measure of enjoyment from the dance. Among the guests were Miss Carnahan, Miss N. Davis, Miss Forsythe, Miss Hilliard, Miss Stella Hays, Miss Lucy Haworth, Miss N. Lockhart, Miss E. Lewis, Miss M. Laughlin. Miss M. Mangce, Miss M. McCollum, Miss M. Laughlin. Miss M. Mingce, Miss M. McCollum, Miss M. Miller, Miss F. Marshall, Miss E. Price, Miss A. Rhodes, Miss M. Rhodes, Miss L. Spang, Miss S. Spencer, Miss M. Rhodes, Miss L. Spang, Miss S. Spencer, Miss Taylor, Miss Purcell, Miss Magee, Miss M. Hussey, Miss Metcalf, and Messra, C. Albrec, S. S. Atterbury, A. Blair, W. M. Blair, C. Davis, F. Guthrie, F. Holdship, Walter Marvin, Harry Scovel, George Griscom, James Lockhart, R. Miller, H. McKnight, F. Neale, B. Page, W. Rhodes, W. Robinson, J. P. Scaffe, and P. Warden, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lazear.

Uniontown's Second Assembly.

Uniontown society gave its see nd Tuesday evening. Toerge's orchestra, of this city, furnished the sweet strains for the merry couples. Mrs. George C. Marshall and Mrs. R. W. Dawson were the patronosses for the evening. Among those present the control of the use of taken blooded stock. the evening. Among those present from a distance were the following: Miss Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Howell, Captain Davis and Robert Nevin, of Pittsburg; Miss O'Nell, of Elizabeth: Miss Todd, of Philadelphia; Miss Null, Messrs, Harry Null, Denny Ogden and Mr. Fusuwanger, of Greensburg; Mr. and Mrs. F:ank Hozz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lenlatance were the foll hart and Howard Snowdon, of Brownsville; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Snyder, B. Stimmel and Messrs. Hood, of Connellsville: Miss Dewey, of Stanford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Har-rison, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Balley, of Buffalo, and Dr. Balley, of Leisen-

ring. An Ideal Girls' Party.

An ideal girls' tea was given yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, by Miss Rebecca Durlington, at her home on Irwin avenue, Allegheny, for about 60 of her young school friends. The house is magnificent, the recention room being a veritable palace apartment, furnished in light pink tones, all of which harmonizes delightfully, proving that taste as well as wealth has been used in the taste as well as wealth has been used in the furnishing. Ten was handed around in the dining room, which was handsomely prepared for this portion of the entertainment. There was a large bowl of pink roses in the center of the table, while lighted tapers of pink wax helped the electric lumps to illuminate the apartment. Miss Darlington was assisted by Miss Laughlin and Miss Chambers in waiting upon her guests. THE promised cold wave did not come. It

A Fair Bridal Party. As the sun broke through the clouds and

shone upon the old and quiet town of Clarion on Tuesday morning, about 10:30 o'clock, it plerced the frost decorated win-dows of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rankin's residence, and illumined as fair a bridal party as one would wish to see. The happy bride and groom were Prof. Joseph H. Apple, instructor of mathematics in the Pittsburg Central High School, and Mary E. Rankin, second daughter in the Rankin family. second daughter in the Rankin Ranliy. They were attended by Misses Lessic Apple and Margaret Rankin as bridemaids, and Mess.s. A. H. Rotherwell, Esq., of Reading, and Dr. E. A. Kulins, or Emienton. Little Marguerite Schick performed in an admirable manner the duties of flower girl. Rev. Dr. Eider, pastor of the Clarton Presbyterian Church, performed the corenony, and Dr. Elder, pastor of the Ciarion Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony, and was assisted by Rev. Dr. Apple, of Saegartoen, father of the groom, and Rev. A. T. G. Apple, of Washington, D. C., brother of the groom. The marriage was witnessed by about 150 ruests, mainly from Clarion, atthough several of the guests were from other cities, among them being Dr. Will Elder, of the West Penn Hospital, and W. S. scott, of Bennett. After dinner Prof. and Mrs. Apple lett for a trip to Washington and Philadelphia. They will be at home at Avalon after January 16. The presents, as usual, were many and costly, and were accompanied by the best wishes of many friends.

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A CONTEST for the Demorest silver medal

came off in the school hall at Monongabela

City lest Monday night, some of the numbers showing unusual excellence. The judges,

Revs. Maxwell and Conner, and Dr. Gamble.

awarded the medal to Miss Margaret Wolff. Miss Nora Flewing, one of Prof. King's old pupils, was to give a selection after the con-test, but could not appear, and Miss Bessie Shambaugh kindly consented to fill the programme. Miss Bessie was formerly a little gramme. Miss Bessie was formerly a little Pittsburg girl, and is now only 13. She per-fectly charmed the audience by her cute representations. A Quiet Wedding. MISS JENNIE MEANS, of Frankstown wenue, and one of the most popular school

teachers in the East End, will be married

next Tuesday evening, to Mr. Ben Wilson, a business man of this city. It is to be a quiet home ceremony, with only relatives and close triends present. Lively Social Chatter. There was a large number of Pittsburgers at the Grand Assembly ball in the opera house at Beaver Falls last evening. It was an entire success.

A LUNCHION was given by Mrs. Remsen W. Messler, of Fifth avenue, East End, yester-day for Miss Ricketson. The appointments were very handsome.

A restry wedding was celebrated last evening in St. Paul's M. E. Church, the bride being Miss Emma E. Gray and the groom Mr. Robert C. Gonderman.

I've got new skutes and lots of toys, I've got a pretty sled; I do not have to go till inte Unto my downy bed. I've got a guife, an air-gun too, And books that I can read; I gave unto the little poor.

E MUST HAVE HAD HIS REST GIRL WITH HIM. "I think you should make a reduction in my oill, for giving me that horse," said Jack Dasher to the liveryman of whom he had hired a

The Dispatch.