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SELL THE FRANCHISES.

Yesterday the Rapid Transit Commissioners of New York failed to obtain a the Underground Rapid Transit Franchise. Only one bidder was forthcoming, and he finally offered a paltry \$500 cash for privileges that are enormous. But the mere auctioning of the franchise was a progressive step that has a distinct value of its own. New York has known the day when franchises were looked upon as the perquisites of its be paid for values received by traction and other corporations.

And still Pittsburg persists in giving away with no rational compensation franchises that would fetch a good price if placed in the market for competition. And the service rendered to Pittsburgers by companies, which are practically made monopolists by the receipt of exclusive privileges, is such poor service as unrerestrained monopolists are wont to render service to themselves with little care for public comfort or convenience.

The expenses of Pittsburg's government are steadily increasing. Next year's estimates foot up to \$5,000,000. It is time that P.tisburg should look around for means to relieve the individual taxpayer of his growing burden. One most obvious and economic method is in the sale of franchises in the future, and in the taxing of corporations that have been the graceless recipients of such things in the past.

A NEEDED REFORM.

There is a large amount of interest taken just now in the personnel and political complexion of the United States S nate of the Fifty-third Congress. On | national quarantine system. the part of the practical politicians the interest is remarkably active; on the part of their "masters" the people it is constrainedly the passive interest of helpless | this country. THE DISPATCH has frespectators. The almighty people has given its verdicts at the polls, and theoretically the ballots cast for members of State Legislatures to decide who shall be sent as Senators to Washington, But here the "practical" politician not seldom steps in with evidence of his contempt for theories and people alike.

The direct election of United States Senators is becoming more and more widely recognized as a necessary reform. With the secrecy of the ballot and the elimination of the Legislatures as Intermediaries in the transaction, possibilities for corruption would be greatly reduced. The control of the people of a State would be a far harder matter to compass than the "persuasion" of the politicians of a Legislature. When United States Senators are directly elected by the people another step will have been taken toward a true realization of Government by the people and for the people, and passing events are providing strong evidence of the feet.

UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS.

The recent explosion at Dublin Castle inflicted a severe blow upon the cause of home rule for Ireland, by its effect upon public sentiment in England. Its force, however, was minimized by the outspoken condemnation of its perpetrator published by the Irish leaders. On behalf of Ireland no less than for the maintenance of law and the preservation of the peace, there must of necessity be the most strenuous efforts possible made for the discovery, arrest and prosecution of the culprit.

But, next to the crime itself, nothing could be more damaging to the cause of Mr. Gladstone's porty than the reported employment of the notorious Le Carron to secure evidence in the case. The man has a world-wide reputation for unrellability, to speak mildly, and if the evidence he gave before the Parnell Commission had not been enough to stamp him as a perjurer it would have gone far to ruin the Irish cause through its leaders.

If the report be true, it is a striking example of Sir William Harcourt's lack of tact. Harcourt, by reason of his record as Irish Secretary, is probably less trusted in Ireland than any member of the present Liberal Cabinet, and his employment of Le Carron would be productive of an smount of ill-feeling that must act as a serious hindrance to the British Government in its dealings with Ireland.

JAPAN AS A MODEL

Touching the question of naval policy the Philadelphia Record breaks itself loose iong enough to hold up the following example for the imitation of this nation :

A Japanese war vessel entered the harbor San Francisco last week firing salutes with German guns loaded with French powder. The vessel is called the Kin-go. and was built in England. The Japanese have been wonderfully prompt in availing themselves of the advancement of civilized nations, both in the arts of peace and war. They have yet to learn that it is better to build dear guns and war vessels for themselves than to hire the gunmakers and shipwrights of other nations to build them guns and vessels that are cheaper and of equal quality.

For a newspaper published in Philadelphia to present the assumption that this nation is on an equality with Japan in the matter of building ships, rolling armor and manufacturing guns, conveys an unflattering assumption to some one. But inasmuch as Philadelphia shipyards have turned out vessels equal to those of English construction, and Pennsylvania by the instruments it uses, as a man by the wives for a present.

ironworks have turned out armor and guns superior to anything in Europe, the assumption is most severe on the journal that is politically unable to recognize the industrial achievements of our city and

As to the question whether it is better to buy cheap ships and armor abroad than to make them at home, there is an easy answer. If the United States was, as the Record seems to think, no better able to build its own navy than Japan, it would have to buy its vessels abroad. But when there is the ability to make these things at home it is the best investment in the world for a nation to spend a little money in the industry of self-defense. It is not necessary to go far in seeking a historical demonstration of this fact. Thirty years ago two sections of this country were at war, and it was one of the lessons of that conflict that the section which was able to build ships, cast guns and devise armored vessels had an immense advantage.

The question of protective tariff does not enter into this matter directly, although the Record is so purblind as to imagine that it does. It is an essential part of an intelligent military policy that a nation should command not only a large supply of war material but the ability to THE DAILY DISPATCH is delivered by carriers at replenish the supply from its own re-

ANARCHISM IN FRANCE.

There is now little room for doubt that the only danger to the French Republic lies in the efforts of the communistic party and politicians working on its behalf from motives of ambition or revenge. Neither Monarchists nor Imperialists have an available leader, nor is there any considerable section of the nation prepared to support such leadership if it were present. France may modify its form of Government, since a large element is desirous of change for the sake of variety satisfactory bidder at the auction sale of | and in the hope of bringing the Republic nearer to the level of anarchistic socialism. But the modification will not be in the direction of monarchism in any of its

forms. The argument made by the Socialists is that society is rotten, and the Panama scandals are pointed to as evidence. On the strength of that evidence the destructlon of society is asked for. In view of aldermen. Other American cities are this state of affairs the occurrence of a awakening to the fact that value should | dynamite outrage in Paris yesterday may almost be regarded as a blessing. A few such examples of anarchistic terrorism at this time could hardly fail to react upon public opinion, and persuade it to bear a little longer in the hope that the R public will be better for the purgation resulting from the present disclosures of corruption.

Anarchism can only be endorsed by despair. And the despair would be desperate indeed which would install the party of dynamite in power, in full view of its modes and methods for the subversion of all law and its disregard of all rights of life and property.

LOSE NO TIME.

Elsewhere in THE DISPATCH this morning Chief Clerk Crosby Gray, of the Department of Public Safety of this city, outlines the stand taken on the quarantine question at the last meeting of the American Health Association. That body is one more addition to the list of the many authorities that expect a recurrence of cholera in Europe with the return of warmer weather, and urge the necessity for the establishment of an efficient

Last fall's warning was serious enough, and Congress should lose no time in demonstrating its regard for the safety of at Williamsport, Pa. quently pointed out the necessities of the case, and they are indeed obvious to all who seriously consider the question. There must be no pandering to petty interests of transportation companies or the like, where the health of 65,000,000 is at stake. Upon its reassembling Congress cannot too speedily pass a measure competent to place the safety of America beyond all doubt.

ANOTHER HUMAN SACRIFICS.

At a Chicago grade crossing yesterday a locomotive struck a crowded street car, with the usual fatal result. It should not be difficult to locate the responsibility for the catastrophe, and criminal negligence ought to suffer the severest punishment the law provides. But when penalties have been dealt out to those who were the direct cause of this particular accident, the most serious feature of the evil will remain untouched. It is, of course, the right and proper plan to enforce a sense of duty by inflicting penalties where neglect involves the loss of life. So long, however, as public opinion permits the existence of grade crossings, so long will such disasters as that of yesterday occur. Human nature is not infailible, and with the strictest rules for the protection of grade crossings and the most efficient observance thereof, grade crossings make a poor showing of safety in comparison with bridged or tunneled intersections.

The public opinion of this country has a deal to learn yet of the value of human life. When the lesson has been properly learnt grade crossings will no longer be tolarated. And their abolition will be but one among many needed reforms in railroad and municipal management recognizing more fully the claims of public safety.

OBEDIENCE to the law is the duty of all living thereunder. But when Congress en-acts a measure of such certain inequity, such poor construction and such doubtful constitutionality as the Chinese exclusion act, the Chinamen in this country have a perfect right to await the verdict of the Su preme Court before attempting to comply with its complicated requirements. Of course, in the meantime they must be willing to pay the penalty for their heritency but, inasmuch as the penalty in this case is shrouded in obscurity, the action of the Celestials is all the more natural.

A LECTURE on religious liberty is to be delivered in l'ittsburg on Sunday evening. With such a subject the lecturer ought to have a large and most attentive audience in this liberal-minded and progressive city.

CONGRESS will please to understand that a patient people is beginning to understand the "lobbying" system. And there is a strong desire to know why the Government of America should be even asked to lend its credit to the extent of \$100,000,000 to the promoters of the Nicaragua canal estimated to cost \$65,000,000, or \$85,000,000 at the outside. Who is to get the difference, and how much is to be spent in "lobbying?"

An inmate of the Cincinnati morgue met with hard luck yesterday. A doctor discovered that suspended animation had been mistaken for death, only to kill the subject of his discovery in the making thereof.

THERE is an air of mystery about yesterday's fatal boiler explosion in this city that calls for a very thorough investigation. Small boilers properly and frequently in spected are not in the habit of exploding at mexpected moments. Two lives were lost and many others endangered, and there should be some explanation of the accident forthcoming.

GOVERNMENT is judged to some extent

company he keeps. And the employment of such a man as Le Carron will add nothing to public respect for British justice.

LABOR COMMISSIONER PECK is wise in his determination to abstain from suing for libel the papers that were down on him during the campaign. Most of the criticisms meant to reflect on the gentleman's integ-rity were really tributes to his ability to forget partisan affiliations in the discharge of his duties.

TOLERATION of grade crossings in crowded cities is one of the many outward and visible signs that the pursuit of money is the most absorbing occupation of

Ir is an excellent thing that the National Treasury should profit by the carelessness of individuals who cause or permit the loss or destruction of paper money. But it is really time that notes should be exchanged before they reach the state of ragged dirtiness now prevalent.

ANY stranger to this city-to say nothing of residents-must be utterly bewildered over the difficulties experienced in selecting Mayoralty candidates.

PARTIES nominating candidates for the Mayoralty of Pittsburg will greatly aid citizens in casting their votes and, of course, can in nowise injure their chances of success, by formulating a compact plat-form whereon said candidates may stand.

points, but they are small and few com-pared to those displayed by some of its blundering critics. A LARGE amount of the immense interest taken in the trial of Dr. Briggs now draw?

ing to a close is due to the fact that, in more

senses than one, the Presbytery, no less

than the Doctor himself, will be judged by

BAKER's ballot law has certain weak

the result of its voting on the charges. PROMINENT AND POPULAR.

BJORNSEN celebrated his 60th birthday recently, and festivities in his honor were held throughout Norway. SPURGEON'S Bible, which he had used

than 500,000 notes by his own hand. THE engagement of the Earl of Craven to a daughter of Mr. Bradley Martin, of New York, was announced yesterday in London, EX-CONGRESSMAN BAYNE and Mrs. Bayne are at present on a trip through Europe. They are expected back in Washington about the middle of June next.

for more than ten years, contains no less

GENERAL ROCHE, who is reported to have joined the Mexican revolutionists, is known throughout the country as "The Tiger." He was one of Maximiliau's Gen erals.

PRESIDENT DIAZ takes a great deal of stock in Mexican affairs. He is said to own shares in every railroad, telegraph, telecountry. THREE great brewers have been raised to

the peerage by Queen Victoria. Alisopp, of Burton upon Trent, is now Lord Hindlipp; Bass, the pale ale man, is Baron Burton, and Guinness, of Dublin stout fame, is Lord CAPTAIN HAINS, the Commodore of 'the Cunard fleet, wound up his brilliant service

on the old Etruria by beating the City of Paris, and will now be promoted to the command of the new monarch of the seas, the Campania. HERR TAUCH, who has been secretly furnishing papers in and out of Germany with ammunition favorable to Bismarck and exceedingly tiresome to Emperor William, having been discovered, is to be expelled

from Berlin. REV. ADOLOS ALLEN, of New York City, has accepted the call of the Glasgow Avenue Presbyterian Church, in St. Louis, Dr. Allen has been in New York but a short time, having previously had a large church

HON, G. M. LAMBERTSON, recently appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, arrived in Washington yesterday morning and entered at once upon the discharge of his duties. He took the oath of office in Wisconsin some ten days ago.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

Teachers Must Mingle With the Masses in Order to Lead Them On. PHILADELPHIA, Dec 29-The second no tional conference on university extension was continued here this morning. George Henderson, of the University of Chicago, read a paper on "The University," in which

he described the organization of the institution which he represented. Melville Dewey, of the State of New York, spoke upon the movement from the standpoint of "The State Department." He snggested a division of the higher educations work into four major and four minor divis-ions. To the first he assigned the academy, college, university and professional schools. In the second group he placed libraries, museums, extension teaching and clubs and

President Edgar, of Wilson College, fol-President Edgar, of Wilson College, followed on the duly of collegians to the masses and the nutual benefit to be derived by their association in the work of university extension, which is looked upon as an intellectual elevator for all classes without discrimination. "We are finding out," he said, "that if we would benefit any class we must walk down the steps, mingle with them, and side by side walk up with them. This is the divine method of dealing with the masses."

MEXICO WELL CORNED.

The American Article Not Wanted Sine the Native Crop is Immense.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 29 .- A prominent merchant of this city who has shipped several thousand bushels of corn to Mexico during the past season returned from the country to-day. He says: "In the city of Mexico the corn market is completely demoralized and is selling for about 60c per bushel, American money. There were two hundred carloads of corn standing on side tracks in the city when I left, which could not be unloaded on account of the failure of the shippers to pay the freight. The Mexi-can road will no longer accept corn ship-ments unless the freights are paid and the shippers agree to unload immediately upon

shippers agree to unload immediately upon their arrival at destination.

"The new corn crop of Mexico is coming into market, and no further demand for the grain will be made upon the United States. The State of Michoscan has produced, it is reliably estimated, about \$,000,000 bushels of corn this season, which amount alone is sufficient to supply all of Mexico with corn for the ensuing year if necessary. There are good crops of the grain reported in other States of the Republic slee, and there is no possibility of shortage for some time to come possibility of shortage for some time to come in Mexico."

A MOUND OF SKULLS.

Strange Discovery of Petrified Human Heads Down in Texas.

San Antonio, Taxas, Dec. 29 .- A dispatch from Currizo Springs, Dimmil county, says that 25 miles south of that place, near the Enginal Road, has been discovered an ovaltopped mound covered with petrified human skulls. The mound is about 100 feet in height, circular in form, and joined on one side to a short range of hills of about the same height.

down the sloping side, it is covered with what appear to be smooth, spherical bones, which upon close inspection prove to be petrified numan skulls distorted into grotesque shapes.

By removing the sand and loose dirt from the orifices of the face, the unmistakable

On the summit, and for some distance

by removing the sain and roose dire from the orifices of the face, the unmistakable human countenance is revealed. Bones of other classes are found there, and from all appearances the whole mound is formed of human skulls. The subject of opening the mound has been agitated, but as yet it has not been done. not been done.

A Quick Settlement.

Detroit Journal. A great many men addicted to the tobacco habit did not wait until the new year to quit smoking. They quit on Christmas when they tried the cigars they got from their

A LOOK AROUND.

"THE suggestion of THE DISPATCH of a uniform system of tree planting on all the new streets will be taken up by the Depart-ment of Public Works and carried out next year if Councils will agree to it," remarked Chief Bigelow yesterday. "In drafting the appropriate ordinance I shall ask for \$10,000 or this specific purpose. I shall also ask that in order to have the work done carefully and cheaply it be placed entirely under the direction of the department. While at first we would have to buy some of the trees we would require, it would not be long before our nurseries would give us nearly all we would need. We have already estabished a shade tree nursery, and have alarge number of thriving trees in it. Good size maples and other ordinary shade trees of a size fit for use on the streets would proba bly cost \$2 to \$2 50 each, so the sooner our nurseries are well stocked the better it will be. I am heartily interested in anything which will benefit and beautify our streets and parks, and I am glad to see that THE DISPATCH is taking a similar interest in this

IT is by no means surprising to the older generation of men baving the handling of monetary affairs that the possessions of the Economite Society should have dwindled as they have. As a matter of fact, their investments have in the main been unwise, and they have shown a lack of foresight in regard to several enterprises. Take for ex ample their silver operation. They hoarded coin before the resumption of specie payments until they had a large accumulation. This at one time would have realized a handsome profit, but was finally disposed of at a price which did not begin to pay lost interest on the money. A still more marked instance was shown in the handling of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad stock of the society. The: nad about 8 000 shaves out of a total of some 25,000. and they were fully aware that their stock was the controlling interest when the famous fight for control was in progress between Dr. Hostetter and the Vanderbilts. They were advised by their outside friends among business men not to accept the \$85 a share which they were offered, but they sold at that price and the same stock was turned nto the Vanderbilts by H. W. Oliver at \$125 per share. They lost money steadily through their manufacturing plants at Beaver Falis and elsewhere in the Beaver Valley, and they still have a large interest in the Point Bridge which is not a paying me. Even their superb farms have not been managed as successfully as was sup posed from a financial standpoint.

FROM the sale of the Lake Erie stock about \$700,000 was realized. Later the society sold \$250,000 of Lake Erie bonds at about 115, which gave them \$287,000. This latter sum they invested in the Pittsburg, Chartiers and Youghlogheny Railroad, which was always a losing investment, and which was finally sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad and Pittsburg and Lake Erie at about \$12 a share-making a heavy loss They also had \$300,000 of the second gage bonds of the Chartlers road, which they sold after losing several years' interest. All this money, which they got as ready cash, has gone-more than a million-and now they are forced to borrow \$400,000. One of the papers has talked of Duss' splendid management, but it does not look like it. In 14 years they are reported to have lost at least two and a half millions.

THE management of the Duquesne Trac tion Company had to take a dozen cars off the equipment day before yesterday, owing to the breaking down of the big engine at the power house at Bea Venue. They had to call into service their extra engines and not put too heavy a strain upon them for fear of another accident, which might en tirely cripple the line. 1t will take about two weeks to repair the broken machinery In the meantime the Pittsburg Traction is running 38 cars and the Doquesne 34. It is unfortunate that this accident should occur in such weather and at a time when traffic is so heavy. The Court House has also been affected by the cold weather. The gas supply ran short and the elevators could not be operated on the coldest day. It is nice, smooth walking up to the top floors of the ig building, stairway.

THAT enthusiastic Republican and rat tling good orator and lawyer, Geroge B. Orlady, of Huntingdon, was in the city yes terday. He made the speech in nominating General Hastings for Governor which almost turned the tide against Delamater, and s as warmly for the General now as ever Mr. Orlady says there is a great deal of dis satisfaction in the eastern counties among Republicans at the condition of things gen erally, and he thinks that unless good strong men are selected for candidates at the next State election there will be a repe tition of the last result,

A SHARP, hard frost, some snow and nuch pedestrian travel brings out the beauty of some parts of the pavement on lower Fifth avenue. Those places where there are large squares of glass or patches of artificial stone shine with much glory They are as deadly traps to anyone in a hurry as a newsboy's "slide." It is about time somebody took the sidewalk question up and made it an issue in municipal affairs There should be power lodged with some official to see that sensible material is used and that lives and limbs are not endangered by any property owner.

A GROUP of people were waiting for a car in East Liberty yesterday when a large flock of sparrows suddenly darted down into a tree and began to chatter and jabber in a surprising way. They appeared to be discussing something and the talk grew warm. Then they all ceased but one little fellow who puffed up his feathers and fairly exploded into staccato notes. Whiz, and away they went. "I wonder if they were naving a caucus to select a Mayor, and whether the little chap was declining the nomination," said one of those who saw the neident. What made it funny was that the speaker was one of the most prominent of the present local candidates.

THE sale of the old postoffice site, which takes place sometime in January, is causing more syndicates to spring up and more con-niving to be carried on than anything of the kind since the days of the location of the new Government building. There are a least half a dozen combinations of wealth; men who desire to obtain the property. It is said that Plunger Walton and some friends are after it for a hotel site. Another party want it for a tall office building, and still another combine seek it as a store loca tion. It is expected that the bids will con siderably exceed half a million dollars. WALTER

Ningara Falls Not in It. Philadelphia Record. Some splendid ice effects now appear a Niadara: but the rigging of arriving steam ers can almost match them.

THE END OF THE SUMMER. The end of the summer, O, tell it in whispers! So sad is the thought that its glory is gone;

The sands all deserted, no music enti Where tourists have wander'd the sea rushing As if to erase every trace of the past

With wild angry billows and tempests' rude blast. Its bolsterous glee by the great ocean tide; A host now hies homeward, for winter is coming, To share with dear wee ones a warm fireside. Though summer is ended, what joy in the home! "Mid sweet smilling faces when no longer we

The end of the summer, no wonder a sadness For gone now, alas! is a season of gladnese; And, O, the unrest ere again they may share Life's sunshine, so precious, if spared through th

Of our cold northern winter to summer's fair The end of the summer, but not of impressions Indelibly stamp'd on the mind of the past; Through the long winter nights how oft will be

The scenes, so delightful, when with sky over-The snowflakes fall thick round the dear cottage

AN ASSEMBLY BALL

Given at the Pittsburg Club Last Evening -A Pleasant Day for School Girls-An American Woman's View of English

Society-Illness Postpones a Wedding. THE whole of the Pittsburg Clubhouse was given up to the guests at the Assembly Ball last evening. The occasion was one of the notable social events of the season, and the members of the club fully realized the responsibility that rested upon them of making the appointments absolutely perfeet. The assistance of the florist was invoked, and right well did that power exert himself to cover up every suggestion of angle and bareness, and convert the whole mansion into a vast conservatory. In the theater the skill that can bring the gardens and woods into the nouse was most conspic-uous. The stage was ser for a wood scene, with rocks, terns, rippling brooks and fails, and glowing red blossoms here and there, as if they were growing. Such a pretty effect is not often seen on the stage, and it was a genuine surprise to the gay company that gathered in the hall last night. At 9 o'clock, the hour set for the beginning of the recep-tion, the carriages began to arrive, and for the next two hours there was a constant stream of guests who were ushered into the house and received by a number of reprehouse and received by a number of representative society people of Pittsburg. The reception party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Dilworth, Mr. and Mrs. U. N. Frew, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Sproul, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, Mr. Nathaniel Holiness. Mr. Arthur Holland, W. K. Shiras, Esq., and Mr. W. M. Price. The music was delicious and the surroundings perfect. What wonder, then, that the dance was a complete successi Making Vacation Pleasant.

THE young school girls had another pleasant day yesterday. Their afternoon was divided between a tea given at the home of Mrs. Wood and another at that of Mrs. Hays, both on Ridge avenue, Allegheny. The appointments at Mrs. Hays' house were very beautiful, the whole first floor being thrown open to the young guests, with a large, beautifully-trimmed Christmas tree in the capacions library. In the diningroom, which was handsomely decorated, ten was served, and the pretty faces of the young girls would have made the scene a delightful one independently of anything else. They were all in simple dresses, such as become school girls, and that can hardly be worn advantageously by anyone else, and it may be truly said that a more charming picture of youth and innocence was never presented in an American home, or never presented in an American home, or anywhere else. The reception room, which was furnished in dask mahogany, was brightened up by flowers artistically disposed, a large bowl of pink curnations occupying the center of the table and breathing their rich fragrance to every corner of the apartment. Assisting Mrs. Hays in receiving were Mrs. Judge Hawkins, Miss Margaret H. Hawkins, Miss Matlida McKenna, Miss Aratha Jennison, Miss Mary Hays and Mrs. E. M. Bowers.

The young people came and went between the homes of Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Hays all the afternoon, the same time being set for

the afternoon, the same time being set for both receptions. Miss Mary Louise Woods was the hosters at her mother's house. The afternoon was a pleasant one indeed for the young girls, and will afford plenty of food for conversation when they return to their studies in school, to wait for the next vaca-

Buffalo Bill in London Society. MRS. JOHN SHERWOOD gave another of

her delight ul talks yesterday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. A. E. W. Painter. She described her first trip to London with her husband, it being their wedding journey, and said that she was received into the inner circle of London society at once, on account of the letters of introduction she carried from American friends. English people entertain a deep respect for letters of this kind, and will take a great deal of trouble to make pleasant the visit of those who present them. During her five seasons in London, Mrs. Sherwood was fortunate enough to see only one fog, so that her recollections of the English metropolis are very bright. London looks better by sunlight than under any other conditions. Describing her first appearance at court, she says she experienced an awfully quaking feeling when told that she must wear a train four yards long and feathers in her hair. It is ourt etiquette, when one is presented to the Queen, to make a certain description of bow, and she was afraid she would not be able to accomplish it gracefully. She was advised to offer her most gracious majesty, the peculiar bow known as the "charity bob," which is taught to the children of charity institutions, and is more reverent toan graceful. One day she was told that she was to meet a distinguished fellow-countryman, and she dressed herselt very carefully, supposing that it would be Mr. Lowell, or some other equally important American. Imagine her feelings when she was presented to Buffalo Bill, as it indicated the sort of men that the English consider our best people. Mrs. Sherwood advised anyone who wanted to go through London properly to employ a guide—one who is acquainted with all the old places of historicat interest, and knows how to find them without trouble. Mrs. Sherwood evidently admires the English very much. She says that the manners of to meet a distinguished fellow-countryman very much. She says that the manners of the higher classes are delightful, and seem the higher classes are delightful, and seem to say to you that you are perfectly welcome, without gush. She touched on Lord Byron and his unfortunate disagreement with his wife, and showed a wide knowledge of many matters in connection with the English nobility that was interesting to her listeners. Her lecture was given close attention, and appeared to please the audience, mainly because her delivery is so good and without much reference to what od, and without much reference to what

The Graff-Ray Nuptials.

THE wedding of John Dickson Graff and Miss Elizabeth Ray, daughter of Calvin Ray, of Sharon, took place at St. John's Episcopal Church, in Harrisburg, at noon yesterday. Mr. Graff is the eldest son of the late Thomas J. Graff, of this city, and a large party of Pittsburgers went to Harrisburg to attend the wedding in a special car. Among others were the groom's mother, Mrs. Thomas J. were the groom's mother, Mrs. Thomas J. Graff, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graff, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graff, Mr. and Mrs. William Graff, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Dickson, Itobert Dickson, Bennett Graff, Thomas Graff, Faul Graff, Mathew Graff and Miss Agnes Graff, Miss Elsie Graff, of Sewickley, William Pore, E. C. Godfrey. The wedding took place at noon, and after it a reception was held at the Lochiel Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Graff let on the Limited for an Eastern tour. On their return they will reside at Sharon in a handsome house built and furnished by Mrs. Thomas J. Graff. The other presents were numerous and very handsome. Mr. Graff is a member of the well-known firm of Graff & Co., of this city.

The Truth and Its Counterfeit.

MISS ELIZABETH SCOVEL, a prominent evangelist of Nashville, Tenn., delivered an interesting discourse on "The Truth and Its Counterfeit' before a large audience at the Bethany Home, Center avenue, last evening. Rev. Dr. Walker conducted the open ing and closing prayer and singing services Miss Scovel commenced her discourse by a clever simile of how truth and its countertelt was like a good and false government bill. They were so much alike it was very difficult to discover which was false, but lack of the good bill was its value in coin in lanck of the good bill was its value in coin in the Government treasury. So with the truth and its counterfeit. She went on to say that the atheist and infidel did less harm to the Church chan those who believed in it but did not live up to their faith. The great scientists of to-day are trying to get to God by understanding him, but they never succeed in getting very near. Miss Scovel spoke at great length on the coming of Antichrist, who would be so perfect that the Hebrews would take him for the Messiab. She said he may be in the world at present unknown to anybody. She the Messian. She said he may be in the world at present unknown to anybody. She counseled her hearers to beware of Satan, as he went around in such a saintly guise. They might say they were too good, but they are the people he is after. He has hold of

Married at Harrisburg, A VERY pretty wedding took place at the

the sinners already.

residence of Mr. Thomas Asbury, Ninth treet, Harrisburg, on Tuesday evening. Miss Annie M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Asbury, and Mr. Harry A. Bliss, of marriage was solemnized by Rev. R. H. Colburn, pastor of st. Paul's M. . . Church. The couple will spend a few days with the bride's parents, and then take up their residence at Hulton.

Farcwell Reception to a Pastor. THE congregation of the Third Presbyterlan Church, Sixth avenue, have arranged

for a farewell reception, to be given this evening at 8 o'clock in the church parlors in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Cowan. A full attendance is expected of parishioners, old friends and former members. Dr. Cowan will preach for the last time as their pastor on Smdny, as he leaves to take charge of

the Freedman's Board of the Presbyterian

Illness Delays a Wedding. THE illness of the bride prevented a fashionable wedding that was to have taken place last evening in the Second Presbyterian Church. Miss Eugenia Maple was to have become the bride of Dr. Barton John-ston, but it was unavoidably postponed. The many friends of the young lady pray for her speedy recovery.

Will Soon Wed.

MR. DAVID P. LITTLE, of Wilkinsburg, is to be married next Thursday to Miss Daisy P. Shaw, of Calfornia, Pa., the ceremony taking place at her home. Rev. George Hodges, of Calvary Church, will officiate. Miss Shaw is well known in East End and Wilkinsburg society. She has made her home for the past two years with her sister, Mrs. S. Rider, of South street, Wilkinsburg.

The annual treat for the children of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, Bidge avenue, is to be given next sunday in the Arch Street Presbyterian Church. There will be candy and special exercises for New Year's Day. The little ones are having a pleasant time this week, there being no studies, so that they can play as much as they please. They have received a number of useful presents. The Nixon Street Baptist Church Sunday school made them a nice donation of books, fruit and candy.

YESTERDAY afternoons reception was tendered Rev. C. E. Lucas, the new pastor of the First Christian Church, Allegheny, in the church parlors, Arch street. The officers of the church acted as a reception committee, and the new pastor made the acquaintance of most of his flock in the most pleasant way that could be conceived. His former home is Maysville, Ky.

Miss Daisy P. Shaw, of California, Pa., was married to Mr. David P. Little, of Wilkinsburg, last evening, Rev. George Hodges, of Calvary Church, performed the coremony. The couple will reside on Forbes street, Pittsburg.

A SOCIAL is to be held at the C. Y. W. C. A. rooms, 421 Penn avenue, this evening. An interesting unsical programme has been prepared, and it is expected that the occasion will be an exceptionally pleasant

The third entertainment of the East Liberty branch of the Y. M. C. A. was given last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Byron W. King, assisted by members of the Acme Concert Company, were among the attractions. THE Allegheny Cotilion Club is to have a dance at the Monongabela House this evening, that is expected to be a most enjoyable as well as fashionable event. Mr. J. George

limson is to lead the cotilion. An excellent musical entertainment was given list evening at the Mt. Washington M. P. Church by a number of pupils of the Duquesne Conservatory of Music. MR. AND MRS. C. W. DITTMER, of Pennsyl-

vania avenue, Allegheny, have gone to Wellsville, O., to arrend the china wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White. THE annual supper of the Buena Vista Street M. E. Church was given last evening in the lecture room. It will be repeated this

LAID BEFORE G. A. R. POSTS.

The Soldiers' Orphans' School Commission

Issues a Circular. HARRISBURG, Dec. 29.-The Pennsylvania Commission of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools has issued a circular to the commander of every G. A. R. post in the State, accompanied by a copy of the report of the

accommanded by a copy of the report of the committee of the Commission in charge of soldiers' orphans' schools, regarding the future of these schools.

The committee calls attention to its reent visit to other schools in other States, and asks that that portion of the report referring to the soldiers' orphans' school at Knightstown, ind., be read to the post, the fullest discussion invited and such action as it may take be communicated to the committee.

WANT MUSIC IN SCHOOLS.

The State Association Will Ask the Legis lature to Make It a Study.

READING, PA., Dec. 29 .- At to-day's session of the State Music Teachers' Association these officers were elected: President, E. E. Southworth, of Scranton; Secretary southworth, of Scratton; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward Woolsieffer, of Philadelphia. The form of a petition addressed to the Legislature in which reference is made to the great power of music and asking that body to establish music as a numerous across sindy was adouted this afcommon school study was adopted this af-ternoon. The session closed with an organ

recital to-night. DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE. Nicholas Grattan Murphy. THE DISPATCH of yesterday contained in announcement of the death of Nicholas Grattan Murphy at his home at Crafton. Mr. Murphy was one of the best known among the old citizens of Pittsburg. In his 79th year at the time of his death, one of the best known among the old citizens of Pittsburg. In his 79th year at the time of his death, he was but 7 years old when he came to Pittsburg with his father, Andrew Murphy, from Bucks conuty; and he witnessed the growth of this place from small to enormous proportions. Mr. Murphy was associated with his father in the manufacture of woolen goods, a pursuit which the older Mr. Murphy had followed successfully in Ireland nearly 100 years ago, and later at Pittsfield, Maass, and again at Hulmersville, in Bucks county. The older Mr. Murphy made the first broadcloth in the United States. He was a man of great intelligence, much interested in polities and was a strong high tariff advocate. The Pittsburg mill, which was the first of the sort in this neighborhood, was built upon Chartlers creek. Afterwards Nicholas Grattan Marphy was in business as a member of the then well-known firm of Murphy & Tiernan, and later ne was associated with various financial enterprises. Deceased was an old-school gentleman of the kindliest disposition and gentless manners. He took a ocep and sympathetic interest in everything pertaining to the history of the older places and people. He leaves two daughters. Mr. veorge M. Von Bonnhorst, the County Recorder, and W. E. Von Bonnhorst, the County Recorder, and W. E. Von Bonnhorst are nephews. Deceased was married to the late Eliza Beale, who died last summer. Death came painsely to Mr. Murphy of Wedinesday evening. He had just returned home from the city a little after 3 o'clock, and was sitting calmity by the fire, when he suddenly expired. Deceased will be kindly remembered for his amiable qualities by every one who knew him.

Richard B. Kimball, Author.

Richard B. Kimball, Author. Richard B. Kimball, a distinguished literary man of New York City, is dead. Ten days ago he completed the most important work of his life, a valuable collection cutitled "Half a Cenlife, a valuable collection entitled "Hilf a Cen-tury of Recollections," His first book, "St. Leger," appeared in the Knickerbicker Magnana more than 60 years ago. This work was at one translated into the French, German and Dutch languages, and gave the author a commanding rank among American authors. Among his feliow contributors to the Knickerbocker Mugazine were Longfellow, Saxe, Willis and Roker, Dr. Kimball was born in New Hampshire.

Robert C. McKee. Robert C. McKee died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart yesterday at his residence in Wilkinsburg. The deceased was 72 years old For many years Mr. McKee was in the hardware For many years Mr. Aleckee was in the naraware ousniess, but of late has retired from active life and given his attention to his real estate interests. He was a prominent member of the R. P. Church, He kaves a widow and one son, Samuel H. Me-Kee. The funeral will take place to-morrow aft-

Mrs. Eliza Eliott Rodgers. Mrs. Eliza Eliott, wife of Captain John MIR. Ediza Editott, wife of Captain John Rodgers, died yesterday, in her 73th year, at the family residence, No. 340 Rebecca street, Alle-gheny, Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers were married on day H. 1843, and have lind eight children, six daughters and two sons. Mrs. Hodgers was prom-ment in church work, and leaves a large circle of friends.

Bob Slavin, Comedian, Bob Slavin, the comedian, died suddenly in Toledo yesterday morning. He was one of the most popular ministrel men in the country, and was at one time one of the proprietors of the MoNish, Slavin & Johnston's ministrels. For two years he had nothing but hard luck, and the cause of his death was principally a broken heart.

Oblinary Notes. REV. SAMUEL WHEELER died at his home in Charterville, Mc., Tuesday of pneumonia, aged 9; years. He was said to be the oidest Baptist cier-gyman in the United States. DR. LUTHER BEETEM, an eminent physician of Southern Penusyivania, died yesterday at Middle-sex of typhoid fever, after a short illness. He for-merly practiced in Pittsburg.

ELIAS T. INGALLS, aged 81 years, father of exenator J.J. Ingails, of Kansas, and one of Haverhill's most prominent citizens, died Wednesdar night. He was born in Middleton, Mass. JUSTICE JOHN R. SHARPSTEIN, of the Supreme Court of California, who was stricken with par-alysis Monday, died Wednesday night. He was born at Richmond, N. Y., May 23, 1823.

JUNCE BARTON BATES, ex-Judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri, one of the most prominent men in Missouri, died Wednesday at his home in St. Charles county of a compileation of diseases incl-Louis Lannies, one of the most prominent fig-

ures in Nashville's business circles for nearly 60 years, died Tuesday, aged 81 years. For years he was engaged in the wholesale grocery trade, at one time having the largest establishment in the PAUL GOOD, one of the most widely known citizons of Westmoreland county, dropped dead at his home near Harrison City yesterday morning. A singular coincidence is the fact that his wife a short time ago dropped dead at Manor Church while attending a feneral.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

Native Australians eat butterflies. -There is no half vote in the Electoral

-Philadelphia has 23,000 more women

than men -The microscopists say that a mosquite

has 12 teeth. -Texas has 57 counties each larger than Rhode Island.

-Rain has fallen only twice in 29 years at Eden, Arabis. -The State of Pennsylvania leads in

eigar production. -Aluminum slate pencils are among the

latest inventions. -The editor of a Missouri paper takes possums on subscriptions.

-There are three places in this world where green snow is found.

-Boston enjoys the distinction of being the favorite city for tramps. -There are 27 foreign ships with guns

having a range of ten miles each -London undertakers send out price cirulars to families having cases of serious

-Mexico has public bath houses in every town, however mean it may be in other respects. -The Palace Hotel in San Francisco has the largest isolated lighting plant in the country, there being 8,000 incandescent

lamps -The electric street cars of Albany, N. Y., are provided with an automatic device that shows the name of each street just be-

-Australian viticulturists are agitating for a bonus of 6 cents per gallon on all wine made in the colonies that reaction a certain

standard of excellence. -In Boston they are getting to call afternoon teas "smoke talks," because the hostess usually has incense burning in a little oriental incense burner.

-The largest wooden statue in existence is that of a woman. It is in Tokio, the capital of Japan, and is dedicated to Hache-man, the Goudess of War. -Russia has enacted further restrictions

on Hebrew mechanics. They can exercise their calling only in cities where there are Government Boards of Trade. -An eland, a species of South African antelope, which had been in the menagerie

in Central Park, New York, for the past 15 years, died of old age on Monday. -Fifteen men, 13 hounds and 25 dogs chased a solitary jack rabbis for several hours the other day, in Pettis county, Mo., resulting in the triumphant escape of brer

-The aggregate capital represented by the various "trusts" in the United States amounts to more than \$2,000,000,000, or more than two-thirds of our entire manufac

-The largest sheet or pane of glass in the world, it is stated, is set in the front of a building on Vine street, Cincinnati, O. It was made in Marseilles, France, and measures 186 by 104 inches. -During the G. A. R. encampment at

Washington 100,000 new 10 cent pieces, 40,000 quarters and 20,000 half-dollar pieces were carried away from the treasury exchange by visitors for souvenirs. -A horseshoe was nailed over his door by a St. Louis man for good luck. A few days later, as the man was entering his home, lightning passed through the horse-shoe and knocked him senselesa.

-In India and South America there is said to be a small tree, known as the "sorrowful tree," which bears sweet scented flowers that "bloom only in the nighttime and fall off at the break of day." -During a run of salmon in the Nehalem

river, Washington, the other day, the peo-ple living along the banks killed thousands of the fish by spearing. So plentiful were they that one man round no difficulty in killing 200 a day. -The "Zone tariff" pays in Hungary. The mare is according to distance, first five miles, second five miles, and so on, It is very low, and the income has increased 10 per cent, the traveling 464 per cent, since the

-Chrysanthemum dances are rage" in London. At a recent ball the hostess was dressed as a white chrysanthemum. She wore a pretty girdle of chrysanthemums about her waist, and carried on her arm a

large bouquet of that much-loved flower. -The number of persons carried by the railroads of the United States the last year was, in round numbers, 600,000 000. Owing to the World's Fair, the number for next year will probably be much increased, though it is not likely to reach a round 1,000,000,000. -No railroad seems to be perfectly

out of Cincinnati has one, some more forcible than others. The C. P. & V. (Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Virginia) Rafiroad is known all along the line as the Coat, Pant and Vest road. -There is a fresh water spring which overs an area of two acres in the Atlantic Ocean, two miles from the Florida shore and

happy until it has a nickname. Every road

ten miles south of St. Augustine. The spring is defined by the sliver gleaming white caps trying to force themselves from the powerful boiling spring. -The best insect destroyer known is hot alum water. Put alum into hot water and boil until dissolved, then apply the water with a brush to all cracks, closets, bedsteads and other places where insects may be found. Ants, cockronenes, fleas and other oresping things are killed.

-A powerful lamp, which distinctly illuminates objects over half a mile distant, by means of a great reflector, is to be adopted in the French army. It is carried on a light wagon, behind the soldlers, and they will be in obscurity, while the enemy and all objects in front will be made conspicuous.

-A very ampathetic gentleman, who had

the welfare of the ladies at heart, delivered a lecture on "The Duties of Husbands," to a provincial audience. In impressive sentences he urged the gentlemen to treat their wives kindly, and had not completed his advice when an officer appeared upon the stage and arrested him for bigamy. -The question, "Is light or darkness conductive to the growth of an electric plant?" was recently discussed by a debat-ing society in a Western college. Some

stated that light was, because if no lamps were lit there would be no profits, while there was no darkness there would be no need of lights. The debate finally terminates ated in a draw. -There are nearly 2,000 known species of orchids. Probably as many more remain indiscovered in the depths of unexplored

tropical forests. He who comes upon one obtains almost as much glory as is got by the discovery of a star. It seems curious that, whereas these plants are spread over nearly all the world, as far as the borders of the frozen zone, there should be so few kinds that are useful in any way to man.

ORIGINAL AND JOCOSE.

WE DRAW THE LINE. 'Tis now the season of the year When people advertise By sending out art calendars

Of an unusual size. Of course we don't object to them, At least a certain few; But darn the ones that come to ua. With postage on them due.

THE SUPPLY SHOULD EXCEED THE DEMAND. "How much are your hair mattresses?"

"Fifty dollars." "Yes; you see, hair is very scarce." "O, come off; Paderewski has just had his focks

A QUESTION. "My dear, what are you looking so pus-

ded about?" asked Mrs. Passay of her daughter. | "Something Mr. Stringer said to me last even-What was tree "We were drinking lemonade at the cotillion, and he said it wasn't as he liked it, and saked me to look in his glass."

"And I don't know whether he meant it was too awcet or too sour." THE EGOTIST'S AMAZEMENT. The strangest thing of all the year Is, that some pretty, wealthy dear lies falled my many charms to see, And saked not: Could the marry me.