A WESTERN EDITOR'S DESCRIE TION OF PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh people never have fresh air except when out of town. They live on coal smoke and floating cinders. We inhaled ten tons of coal the first day we were there. The people breathe the smoke, eat smoke, chew smoke, and carry it loose in their pockets. It is now seventy two years since Pittsburgh has been warmed or reached by the son's rays. Once a streak of sunshine for several years condensing underrook to penetrate the cloud of smoke over the city, got lost, became smoked, and fell like a stunning edition of the Black Crook.

The ladies use smoke and coal dust for their complexion. Little boys and girls stand on the corners with wet brooms and sponges to wash peoples faces for five cents Verybody is of a color in Pittsburgh. At the post office window the clerk distinguisha people by certain signs, it being impossible to see their faces for the layers of coal dost and smoke. We saw a little boy cry. ing on the street because he had lost his father who was six feet ahead of him in the

Every one wears mourning in Pittsburgh. A barber once went there to color hair and whiskers. He mor'n busted in aweek! Men kiss each other's wives in Pittsburgh, unable to tell which is their own only by the taste. Women send their children on errands, first writing on their faces with a thumb nail or wet stick. People feel their way by door knobs, and read by raised type. A man once stood in his room with the window raised-changed his shirt nine times it four minutes, and only got a clean one on kept the smoke out. Meet a man with a cold who had been blowing his nose, and burrowing.

Bedelothes are unknown in Pittsburgh. Leave the window open and the sheets of amoke settle upon you like newspapers from a machine press. Some years since some snow fell into the city through a cloud of smoke-the smoke was not hurt, but the snow looked sick. Men carry lanterns to watch to see the hour, it is the fashion to light a match. They make broadcloth by hanging spider's webs out till filled with smoke, and use hot coal dust for papers They roll the smoke, sweeten its sticks, and sell it for liquorice.

SHOOTING AN EDITOR.

New York, Feb. 28 .- Patrick J. Meathis evening, about 11 o'clock, by James blow in the House on a motion to indefinite-Keenan, on Broadway. Both are members by postpose, which was carried by a vote of of the O'Neill branch of the Fenian Brother. | 69 to 25, and the House refusing to reconbood, and had been attending a Fenian sider. meeting at the headquarters, corner of Fourth street and Broadway.

Meahan was, it is said, head and front of the opposition to General O'Neill, and foremost in obtaining the vote of dismissal of Keenan. The meeting broke up about 11 o'clock, with feelings of bitter hostility between the adherents of the Senate and those of General O'Neill. Meahan, with friends, Edward J. Carey, McKinley, and others, had gone about a quarter of a block when, at the corner of Broadway, Keenan, as alleged, stepped behind Meahan and shot him in the neck.

He was carried into a drug store and subsequently taken to the home of Carey. The wound is said to be very dangerous. Keenan was arrested. A five-barrelled revolver was tound on his person, with three barrels discharged. He fired only once at Meuhan. The prisoner denies the charge altogether, and while at the station-house he was very

Two STEAMERS MISSING.—The Bremen Steamer Smidt, which left Bremen on the 20th of January with 298 passengers for New York, has not yet arrived or been heard from, not withstanding she has been out now forty-one days. Much appachension is felt for her safety.

There is also grave fears entertained concerning the safety of the City of Boston which left New York for Liverpool, Jan, nominal chief command of the Egyptian 25th and has consequently been out thirtysix days, and not yet heard from. Some hopes are entertained that both these stea. mers have only been disabled and that the passengers and crews are yet safe and will which recently passed the Minnesota House soon be heard from.

WARNING TO YOUNG LADIES .- A girl in Chester, Vt., died a few days ago from the effects of tight lacing. To such a fearful extent had this been indulged in, that the ribs were found lapped over one anoth. er and the breast bone was pressed over one lung so that she had entirely lost its use. For several months previous to her death, this poor victim had been obliged to sleep with corsets on and tightened to the last notch, for loosening gave such pain in ly." the internal expansion that she could not bear it.

KENTUCKY.

Kentucky wants immigrants. She is moving in the matter, and, in imitation of some of her Southern sisters, contemplates establishing a Bureau of Immigration. A few years ago it was the frequent and favorite assertion of Southern politicians and economists that cotton was a complicated crop which only negroes under Southern overseers could possibly raise. Now one of their orators declares that the crop, though 'not a complicated one," can not be raised by negroes in a state of freedom; nor by vicious and avaricious Chinese Coolies; only the pure, unadulterated Saxon is competent to the task. Discarding the labor it has on hand, Kentucky now proposes to import her farm hands direct from England. We hope she may get them in abundance. Kentucky is a State which deserves and needs the regeneration of new, fresh blood we heartily trust she will establish and maintain her Bureau, and we are glad to aid in circulating her bid for the tavors of European emegrants. But Kentucky should remember that her natural advantages are clearly overbalanced, not only by those of other States to the north and south of her, but also by her cwn social and political disadvantages, and hasten to remove the latter. She cannot afford to discard and destroy the labor she has at hand while waiting for that which is yet to be imported. This she can do, however, and we fear will, by a churlish and perhaps bloody acquiescence in the invitable and early change in political relations of former master and man which must tollow the adopttion of the Fifteenth Amendment. It is not difficult to destroy a system of labor, but Kentucky may find that it is exceedingly embarrassing and costly to establish another in its place .- N. Y. Tribune.

WEST VIRGINIA hastens to conform to him when the window fe'l by accident and the requirements of the Fifteenth Amend. ment. Her House of Delegates on Friday voted to amend the State Constitution by that organ looks like a burnt stump on striking out "white" from the suffrage each side of which a wood chuck has been clause. With equal wisdom and grace, the body also added a clause restoring the ballot to disfranchised Rebels. Two States have now virtually declared for General Amnesty. We hope soon to see all the heart that has sinned and suffered, and presother Southern and Western States couple ent to myself the struggles and temptations the two propositions of Impartial Suffrage it has passed through; the brief pulsation and General Amnesty in one enactment. We have also the gratifying intelligence see to shake hands. When looking at a that the Missouri Legislasure proposes to restore to her cifizens the right to hold health gone-happiness gone-I would fain fire and serve as jurors.

The Senate and House, on Wednesday, Feb. 23d passed upon over 300 private bills, including a number of divorces. The House alone severed the unptial ties of five couples, so far as its action in the matter could go. The bill providing for a new county out of proportions of Warren Ve. han, editor of the Leish American, was shot hango, and Crawford, received its death

> THE POOR .- The poorest man to be met with is the man who is too poor to take a newspaper. We pity such a man, cspecially if he is a man of property. Who ever heard of a man too poor to smoke or shew tobacco, if addicted to either habit? And yet men who spend from fifteen to twenty-five cents a day for "the weed" are too poor to take a newspaper, in the intellectual enjoyment of which their families participate. Really such men are poor. They are objects of pity.

A MAN has been arrested in Massachu. setts, and will be tried for attempting to commit suicide. It is held that the offence is will-recognized nuder the common law. and that a man has no more legal right to ful City; how the most Fearful Crimes are tr, to kill himself than to attempt to take the life of another person. This is a capital point. Let us see these would-be selfmurders severely punished, and, our word for it, there will be fewer suicides .- Ec.

Three American Generals have entered the service of Ismael Pasha-Geos. Mott, Loring, and Sibley. They all three have nominally equal commands as Generals of Division; one taking the artillery. another infantry, and a third the cavalry. It is probable that Ratheb Pasha will retain the

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 .- A special dispatch to the Tribune, from St. Paul, says the bill of Representatives, providing for submiting to the people of the State an amendment to the constitution on the question of woman's suffrage, on which question they should be allowed to vote, was to day concurred in by a vote of 12 to 19. The bill provides that women's votes shall be taken in seperate boxes. It is understood that Governor Austin will sign the bill.

P"Are these tresh eggs?" "Yes madam." "How do you know? You speak so positive.

"Why, I laid them in that box, myself, early this morning."

MODEST REQUESTS IN OLD

The Holyoke (Mass) Transcript publishes the following copy of a quaint letter from REV. JOHN PENDLETON, of Springfield, to Amos AcLEN, of West Sprigfield. one of his parishioners, which bears the

date of July 6, 1787 : HONORED SIR; My kind love to thee and thy wife and dear family, hoping these ines will find you well. Dear Sir, I know you love to do good. Pray Sir, I intend to cut my grass next Wednesday, if fair; if not, the next day, and as we are to make our wants known, if you will be so kind as to let my friends know of the same, and they would come and cut the grass down for me. I hope I should be thankful and obliged to them for the same. Four or five will do it, with what I expect this side of the river, and pray be so kind the next day after they come and cut my grass, for you and Miss Allen, Deakon Homeston and his wife, Deakon ROGERS and wife, Mr. LIZER and his wife, to come over and see my wife and I am in hopes you and my friends will come and see me oftener than you have done so, and then your horses may have some to cat, dear Sir farewell. Yours

JOHN PENDLETON.

A Fails county (Texas) paper says the family of General Houston is very poor. It remarks: "His youngest child is, we suppose, about ten years of age. He has two others, about 12 or 14, perhaps 12 or 16 years old respectively. He had a noble wife, who, in the providence of God, was greatly instrumental in leading the mind of the great statesman to the sublime faith in Christiananity in which he died, and by which he was led to happiness and heaven. His numerous friends will not let his fam ly suffer, but it should be a state affair and then the humblest friend and admirer of the bero of San Jacinto, who pays taxes, will fell that he or she has some share in the laber of love and gratitude.

Rev. Dr. Chalmers once said :- "The little that I have seen in the world, and know of the history of mankind, teaches me to look upon their errors in sorrow not in anger. When I take the history of one poor of joy; the tears of regret; the feebleness of purpose; the scorn of the world that has little charity; the desclation of the soul's sanctuary and threatening voices within; leave the erring soul of my fellow wan with

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