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-A wagon loaded with 1,000 pounds of nitroglycerine was captured at Oil City, recently, and two men in charge of the team were arrested and fined. The compound was covered with bags filled with sawdust and was represented by the driver to be a load of

-The steamer Howard burned on the Mississippi river Sunday night, but no lives were lost, owing to the brave conduct of the Captain. The steamer was the largest on the western waters, and was insured for \$40 000. A singular coincidence is mentioned in connection with the burning. The Grand Duke Alexis, of Russia, went from Cario to New Orleans on her in 1872, and it is considered something of his Railroad Manual, which work a conicidence that the destruction of the steamer and the assassination of the Duke's father should occur on the same day.

-The vote for President, says the New York Tribun, is now complete. The returns from Nevada and Texas are now official. Texas adds 4,595 to Garfield and Nevada takes 1,713 from him, while a revision of the vote for the two electoral tickets in Louisiana gives Garfield a further gain of 618, being a net gain of 3,500 votes. Per contra, Hancock losses 100 votes in Texas and 1,602 in Nevada-making a net loss of 1,702, 'These changes makes the total vote for them stand, Garfield, 4,454,421; Hancock, 4,446,186; Garfield's plurality, 8,235. The total popular vote is thus swelled to 9,220, 348. Generally the vote of the highest elector is taken as the vote of his candidate for President. Many of the variations in tables arises from averaging the vote of all the electors, or taktor-at-large. The Tribune takes the vote of the highest elector, which it, argues is the fairest test of party strength.

-Peterson's Magazine for April, *just received, is an unusually brilliant number, especially in its engravings, In addition to a beautiful steel-plate, "In the Balcony," illustrating a tale by Frank Lee Benedict, it has a charming little love story, by Ella Rodman Church, with numerous engravings. There is also a very able article, on the late George Eliot, the novelist, with illustrations. That powerful novelet, "The Twelve Great for Ransom," by Sidney Trevor, said great country has been made the most to be even more thrilling. There are dreds other illustrations. Unquestionably this is the best and cheapest of the lady's books, and ought to be taken by every family in the land. The terms are but two dollars a year, with great deductions to clubs, and handsome premiums to the persons getting up the club. It is never too late to subscribe. Back numbers, to January inclusive, can always be supplied, if wished Specimens are sent gratis written for, to persons wishing to get up clubs. Address, CHAS. J PETERson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

-The following story we publish without comment:

Among the hills of Pennsylvania. opposite Frenchtown, N. J., there lives a family afflicted with rictus. Husband, wife, sons and daughters and grandchildren are all affected with this strange disease. The father had the first attack about ten years ago and it rapidly spread among the members of the family until about eight years ago every member was affected. At first it caused serious trouble, but as the disease became better known nobody noticed it. The years of incessant laughter have told somewhat on the faces of the family, but not so as to be very noticeable. There are scores of lines under the eyes and above the cheeks caused by the drawing up of the skin. Then their mouths have become wider and they keep them closed with difficulty. The most marked result of the disease, however, is in the voice. The entire family talk in the same tone, resembling as nearly as anything the voice of an alto singer. Males and females have the same inflection and intonation. Most of them have more or less trouble with their eyes, several having become near-sighted. The pupils contracted and the entire eyeball is diminished in size. This is accounted \$7 per ton. for by the contraction of the eyes while laughing and the effort required in working or reading while undergoing an attack. Very little physical annoyance is caused the laughters. They read and write, sleep and work without any trouble. The only thing they seem unable to do while attacked is to eat, and that can be readily understood. In all but one instance the grand-children were taken soon after birth with stated attacks at the same hours as their parents. Of course they do not laugh as the older ones do, but while in that state.

Exposure of Judge Black's Ridientons Misrepresentations of Railway Char-ges, by Mr. Albert Fink.

In reply to the unfounded and extraordinary assertions, made by Judge Black before the New York Anti-Monopoly League meeting, Mr. Albert Fink has written a letter to the New York World, which exposes, in a very foreible manner, a number of the misrepresentations made by that gentleman, Agreeing with the leading champion of the league that it is a question of fact whether the charges of robbery and extortion are true or false, Mr. Fink conclusively proves that Judge Black's statement of facts, as he understands it, is utterly devoid of foundation, in the following search-

Let us examine Judge Blacks figures upon which he basis the con-clusion that the railroad companies are public plunderers. He computes that a late advance made by the railroad companies from 30 to 35 cents per 100 pounds on grain from Chicago to New York robs the people annually of \$75,-00, 00. He further computes that, including other freights besides grain, the robbery amounts to \$225,000,000, and he further estimates that present charges are extortionate to the extent of 15 cents per 100 pounds, so that the total amount "extorted from the pockets of the people in one year is \$675,000,000, enough," says Judge Black, "to pay half the national debt, and this is only on through freights. Unfortunately for Judge Black, when we consider the car fully compiled statistics which are published by Mr. Henry V. Poor, of New York, in generally in the hands of all men who pretend to watch the progress and condition of railroads and keep themselves informed upon this subject we find there is a stronge discrepancy between the face as represented by Judge Black and the acts as they appear in Poor's Manual. In that work for 188) we find that the total gross freight earnings of 84,2 3 miles of railroads in the United States in the year 1879 were only \$386,876,108. This is the total amount of money paid by the people of the United States to the railroads for all sorts of freight transporincluding all local and all through treight, during the year 1879, of which Judge Black computes the railroad companies have unjustly ex-torted \$675,000,000 from the suffering Out of these gross earningthe railroad companies have actually

paid, as also appears from the sam book, about 60 per cent., or, say, \$242-. 000,000, for operating expenses, to their employes, to mann acturers, &c., which leaves them only \$154,000,000 available for the payment of interest on an investment of \$1,762,000,000. The total net earnings of all the railroads of the United States, including the passenger traffic were \$259,916,724 ing the lowest or the first named celec- or 4.8 per cent, on the capital invested. taking and corrupt lawmakers an op-Judge Black says railroad companies have a right to be reimbursed all that it cost them to render the service, and to receive in addition a reasonable profit on the capital invested. It may not be out of the way to say that 8 per cent, interest on the investment constitutes a reasonable profit on so risky an enterprise as building and operating railroads, bearing in mind that, ern railroad company, in which he as a rule, the railroad companies have been paying more than 10 per cent, on borrowed money Taking only 8 per determined to extend the Bradford cent, as a reasonable interest, the rail- branch of their road this season to failed to be reimbursed for the cost of their service by 3,2 per cent on the capital, or, in other words, instead of robbing the people of \$475,000,000 the railroad companies furnished in 1879 as a contractor, to put in construction \$142,000,000 of their own means to the

prosper as in the world. two colored patterns; a colored steel dered to the people by the railroad fashion-plate; and nearly half a hun | companies they receive nothing in re-The voice of complaint comes on the wings of the wind from every quarter of the continent. Cases of individual complaint will be recited to you in every counting-house, in every hotel wherever you go to talk with your neighbor" Is it a wonder that the Is it a wonder that the good people feel aggrieved, that they feel a sense of unbearable oppression of an "unendurable wrong that can not be borne," when they are to d by so great an authority as Judge Black that they are annually robbed by these railroad companies of \$675,000,000 on through freight alone, without countmy the local freight, or even making mention of robberies from passenger

service? Such utterly absurd and ridiculous great many men as ignorant of the facts as Judge Black himself appears to be, and it is easy to comprehend the bitter feeling that such supposed robberies as these must engender in the Johnsonsburg on the Philadelphia public mind. This is the kind of & Eric railroot. The distance from stuff upon which railroad agitators and reformers feed the people, and then they prove by complaints from people-complaints which are created by and based upon these mise rable misrepresentations—that railroad companies are public robbers, that the legislators must control them and keep them from robbing the people of \$675 000,000 every year, although the whole sum the people pay for transportation services is only \$ 36,000,000.

It seems almost incredible that Judge Back, in undertaking to reply to the above, as he did in a letter printed in the New York World of their own motive power with the best March ed, substantially reiterates the ridiculous charges made in his first speech, and blazons his inequacity to comprehend the simplest and most important facts bearing on the general subject he discusses, by giving this condensed version of his utterances at the New York meeting:-

The following are the bases of the best calculation I was able to make: - | First. The through rates are the lowest that are anywhere charged, and those rates are now, from Chicago to New York, 35 cents per 100 weight, or

Second. The evidence of perfectly reliable experts, taken by the Hep burn committee, leaves no room t doubt that 15 cents per 100 weight make them a profit, though, perhaps. not a large one, and at 20 cents it is

Third. But the four great trunk lines have confederated themselves to rether and combined to charge an excess of 15 cents per 100 weight, or \$3 per ton above the highest rate which aw or justice authorizes.

Fourth. If the facts and calculation of the congressional committees are to be credited, an advance of only 5 cents per 100 weight would be equal to an additional tax of \$75,000,000 on they crow and express all the signs of the whole agricultural crop of 1880, baby glee twice a day and never cry and 15 cents, by simple arithmetic, is \$225,000,000.

Fifth. I believe, though of course I cannot be sure, that the transportation of the crops does not constitue more than one-third of the whole business done on the through railroads, therefore we multiply \$225,000,000 by three to find what the whole excess amounts The result is \$675,000,000-a sum

simply appalling.
Sixth. I have no means of knowing how much is the local freight on the through lines and on the shorter branches. It is probably much less than the long hauls, but the excesses are proportionately so much greater seems fair to add add at least

\$225,000,000 on that account. Now, I do not pr tend that this estimate is fractionally accurate, but that it is made in good faith from the best materials I had.

In reply to Judge Black's letter Mr. Fink, under date of March 5th, in a communication published in the New York World, analyzes, in the incisive manner for which he is justly distinguished, the crule statements made by Judge Black, and shows their absurdity. The manifest folly of the supposition that the whole grain crop of the country is trensported by a few leading railways is exposed, and the fact is pointed out that in 1879 only 201,000,000 bushels of the grain raised in the United States was carried to the four leading Atlantic ports, and that an additional charge of five cents per Able Gresh hundred pounds imposed on this crop would amount only to \$6,829,000 per annum, instead of the \$75,000,000 e-ti- John Mchan, mated by Judge Back Various other exposures, equally striking, are made of the extravagant assumptions of S-nator Windom and Judge Black These gentlemen have manifestly ind ilged in a wordy talk about subjects they do not understand.

That Bill to Punish Wife Beaters.

(From the Bradford Era, Ind.) The bill to punish wife beaters, by lministering to them a dose of their sovereign remedy for domestic troubles, has been reported favorably by the house, and includes the same punish- Grant & Horton. ment for the striking or beating of any woman, wife or otherwise, by a man, should it become a law every well regulated town will have to erect a whipping post and every constable and policeman will have to go into practice to become an adept at the 'cat." The subsequent advancement in civilization will probably be the introduction of the stocks, the ducking stool, thumb screw and rack. Burglars and highwaymen will be gibbeted and murderers drawn and quartered. The pardon board will then be useless except to give bribeportunity to escape just punishment.

The Buffalo, Bradford & Pittsburg Extension

(McKean Miner.) Within the past few days we have seen a letter from a prominent official of the New York, Lake Erie & Weststates that their confoany has finally coad companies of the country in 1879 | the mouth of Fall's creek, on the Low Grade branch of the Allegheny Valley railroad. The gentleman to whom as a contractor, to put in construction Diamonds," by Mrs Jane G. Austin, is people of this country for the privilege completed in this number; and will be of furnishing them with transportation in situation to know, we learn that it is the present intention of the complete this is the present intention of the complete that it is the present intention of the complete t proposals. From a gentleman who is Charles A Lion, pany to continue the road from Buttsviile to Kinzua Creek and cross that stream with an iron bridge which will be over 2,000 feet in length and some but abuse. Judge Black says: thing over 130 feet in height from the bed of the creek. This will be an extensive structure, but it will save the building of over six miles of root around the head of the Kinzua, which would cost the company as much, if not more than the bridge, and will save several miles of distance in the length of the road. After crossing Kinzua creek the line of the road runs along the west side of the summit to Howard Hill, a distance of nearly four miles, and from that point to the headwaters of Johnson's Run the crest of the summit is a thered to. The distance from where the road crosses statements are no doubt believed by a Howard Hill to Kane will be a trifle over eleven miles. The line of the road will follow John-on's Ran to the East Clarion and down that stream to Buttsville to Johnsonsburg by the Johnson's Run route is twenty-five and one-half miles, and from Buttsville to the mouth of Fail's creek about fi'ty eight miles. In the neighborhood of the mouth of Fall's creek the Eric company own some 25,000 acres of coal and timber land, and the principal object in passing the extension though is to bring the products of those lands not only to the oil region markets of McKean county, but to all western New York as well as fur rish

of fuel. The Daped Settlers. Washington, March 18,-It is believed at the Land Office that the western "Ring" of land swindlers have obtained fraudulent titles to more than a million acres of public lands, the most of which they have sold to innocent settlers, who, there fore have no va id title to the land they occupy. Gove ament officials here connected with the Land Office say that it rests with the Secretary or the Interior and the Attorney General to decide whether civil suits shall be begun at once to vacate the titles to these lands. It is believed that whatever is determined upon it will be so arranged that the blow shall not John Fochtnan, tavern fall too heavily upon the thousands of M. Wellendorf duped settlers whose hitherto undisputed titles to their claims have been rendered invalid by the exposure.

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