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Although Brother Duggan retains his scepter as the King of Dunmore, he understands at last the meaning of oppo-

#### The New Capitol.

Governor Hastings' statement of the reasons why the state capital should not be removed from Harrisburg is sufficient to settle this point, if, indeed, it had ever been unsettled. The talk of removal has from the first been artificial, and was started chiefly to spur the citizens of Harrisburg to the provision of better protection against fire and to other concessions. By all accounts these objects have been attained, consequently the agitation for removal may

with propriety cease. As to the form in which the burned capitol shall be restored, that subject will bear careful study. The governor's suggestion is that instead of undertaking to build one massive structure. which would involve a large initial cost at a time when the finances of the commonwealth are already seriously embarrassed, and which would not be available for four or five years to come, the new capitol should be so planned as to become one of a group of state buildings, and built just large enough for the legislature's needs. Such a building could be completed in time for the next general assembly, and the companion buildings for the various departments could be added from time to time as circumstances would permit.

At first thought this suggestion run counter to the widespread reeling in favor of a "representative" capitol; but, after all, is it for any practical reason necessary or desirable that the commonwealth should seek to glorify itself in architecture? Would not a series of buildings, separated one from another present quite as sensible an appearance and be in addition more business-like? In that case, a fire in one building would not endanger the whole investment, and the number of buildings could be increased to keep pace with the growth in departmental work. Beyond a certain point it is not so much the beauty of the capitol as it is the efficiency of the labor done within it in which the commonwealth should be concerned The suggestion of the governor as to the form of the new capitol is one, we think that will grow in favor.

Our excess of exports of merchandise

ness of the Bible story of Jonah and the whale. Dr. Abbott is by no means alone among plous and sincere expounders of the Christian religion in declining to accept in other than an allegorical sense certain portions of the Scriptures which under a literal interpretation appear to come into conflict with the laws of God as revealed in nature. The more frank representations of the so-called higher and philet of instructions had been left for the Fible it is essential to believe implicitly only in those which center ling, painting and disinfection of the room about the person and divinity of the Founder of Christianity; the others, these gruesome details, which might with they affirm, may be regarded as in some degree the products of linagination teaching truth by parable.

forth with admirable conciseness by the New York Sun, when it asserts that "if there is not supernatural autianity as a religious system would ligion deriving its authority from a supernatural source, we should have go beyond this world of sense and fact. Jesus would be relegated to the plane of Buddha and Mohammed, and the Biblical stories of supernatural occurrences would take their place along with the tales of Greek and Roman, Assyrian and Egyptian mythology. Nothing would be left for man except the guidance of human reason alone. The foundation upon which the church and Christian theology are built, would be swept away absolutely. \* \* \* If the story of Jonah is merely allegorical, a fable, every other Biblical tale, from the creation of Adam and Eve up to the supernatural birth and resurrection of Jesus, is likewise allegorical, for they conflict equally with the possibilities under merely natural law. In other words, the arguments of Dr. Abbott and his defenders shatter the whole fabric of religion built by fairh, and put the Scriptural reports of supernatural occurrences in the same

category with the tales of mythology." To this argument there is no response. It is unanswerable. Either Christianity as set forth in the Holy Scriptures is true or it is not true. It cannot be accepted literally in one chapter and figuratively in another without doubt being engendered as to the authenticity of the whole; and it were far better to rest the claim of the church flatly upon the solid foundation of faith, in front of which skepticism stands powerless, than to attempt to accommodate the enemy by going out to battle on his territory where he has all the advantage.

young Cuban woman who was stripped tentlary." Maybe this minister in so by Spaniards and searched for papers has been modified by the young lady to this extent: The search was made behind closed doors by a Spanish wo- one sense a vindication of justice, attend.

Captain Ingraham's time.

In two states, Nebraska and Delavare, woman suffrage has recently seen defeated. The weight of argument is yet on the side of those who oppose the extension of the franchise to a molety of our population only a few of whom appear to want to vote.

#### Billion-Dollar Congresses.

Notwithstanding the grim determination of Speaker Reed to prevent a waste of the people's money-a determination, it should be said, in which he has been unprecedentedly successful In spite of great pressure from members anxious for political reasons to pass public building and other just now non-essential appropriations-th present congress is likely in its ex penditures to go several million dollars beyond the limit of the much-derider Billion Dollar congress, No estimat can be made yet until it can be seen to what extent the pending appropria tion bills are likely to be trimmed down in debate, but it is certain to be a bil-lion dellar converses, and maybe more. lion dollar congress, and maybe more.

gress have been unwise, or that they represent an increase in the actual out, the real test is the per capita expenditure for federal purposes. For the last eight years this has been:

	Dollars		Dollars
	per capita.		per capita.
1889		1893	
1890			
1891		1895	
1892		1896	

In some departments of the government, notably the postoffice department, the public has demanded improvements which, though costly and at first non-productive, will in time rebusiness. These expenditures have practically been ordered by the peoincrease in its expense account. If it couldn't, billion dollar congresses might be fair targets for criticism; but it will be recalled that when we first had a congress of that dimension we

If New York isn't to get a cabinet officer we have in mind a state that will.

It is, of course, easily possible to larger than for any January in the prior eleven years; and for the first time in four years this January shows a balance of gold imports. In other words, prosperity is coming.

Jonah and the Whale.

For upward of a month discussion has waxed warm in theological circles over a statement by Dr. Lyman Abbott repudiating belief in the literal press of the lithle story of Lorent and an encouraging or lock.

Was good, and an encouraging or lock. carry a good reform to extremes, and was good, and an encouraging opinion in and out of his pocket, he gave the was expressed as to the future course of his disease. At the same time he was instructed regarding the proper samitary and hygienic precautions to other talented idiot got off and walked. be observed. The physician adds: As is required by regulation, the hos-

pital clerk reported the case to the health department. A few days later the panewer criticism are outspoken in the them to follow, conspicuous in which were belief that of the miracles narrated in directions for the care of the patient's propriety, perhaps, be given to an under-taker's helper, upon the unfortunate pa-tient himself, who was the first to read them, may be imagined. Of a delicate, sensitive nature, he was plunged into a fit of despondency, from which he was The weakness of this position is set several days recovering. His family was convinced that his condition was much worse than represented at the hospital, thority for Christianity It besomes simply a question of moral philosophy, re-garding whose soundness disagreement is justifiable and inevitable. Chris-if the public here is prepared for a sort of thing which would scarcely be tolerated in Russia or imperial Germany. The be wholly subverted. Instead of a re- infectiousness of consumption is conceded to be so slight that very simple pre-cautions are sufficient to reduce the danonly a religious philosophy limited by the inability of the human intellect to be left to the discretion of the physician of the physician in the left to the discretion of the physician of the eather than to the perfunctory visit of an

We are inclined to believe with this correspondent that the effort to cause municipal supervision of all cases of York city exchange girl, who had been consumption is as likely, in immediate results, to do harm as to do good.

But in no other way can the general flaving a prize fight?" But in no other way can the general subject of the curableness of tuberculosis by the observance of certain precautions be brought so clearly to the attention of the classes whose present | Record man yesterday the firm said: 'We ignorance or neglect most conspicuous- have been in business here for five years by feeds the mortality rates from this ly feeds the mortality rates from this source. For this reason, therefore, we approve of the agitation, and trust that it may continue until the terrors are wholly subtracted from this most prevalent and destructive form of dis-

Senator Cullom proposes to offer an amendment to the sundry civil bill, providing for an appropriation of \$125,-000 to pay the expenses of a preliminary survey for a ship canal from the great lakes to the Atlantic ocean running through a section of Pennsylvania and cutting through New Jersey not many miles south of Philadelphia. This idea is a fascinating one and must some day be realized, but the government is too poor to go into the canal business at this time.

According to the Rev. John Culpepper, of Kansas City, "when a man is 22 and unmarried, he ought to be taxed \$100: when 23 he should be taxed \$200. The tax should be increased \$100 a year until he is thirty. Then, if he is not Richard Harding Davis' story of the married he ought to be put in the penion board an American ship at Hayana strongly advocating marriage has an eye to business.

The execution of Duestrow was in

man. But is has yet to be explained since it showed that the ownership why a Yankee skipper, flying at his of millions could not avail to exonerate ship's masthead the Stars and Stripes, gross guilt. But if Duestrow had been should permit even a Spanish woman a poor villain, could be have postponed LEGISLATIVE to commit indignity upon one of his the inevitable for nearly three year passengers. Things were not thus in by resert to legal quibbles and tech' TOPICS. nicalities?

The great trouble with the concert of the European powers seems to be the familiar one that each participant desires to play the solo part.

Meanwhile the massacres continue in America's Creete and not a Christian hand is lifted to halt Weyler's bloody

#### Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

Those who saw Miss Bertha Galland a However, this does not mean that This absence of amateurishness is particle expenditures of the present contially due to the young woman's true dramatic and artistic instincts, but more largely to the hard training she has en-dured. For several years she labored in burden laid upon the nation. As Rob-ert P. Porter, the well-qualified statis-a young woman at any trade would have done. Day after day she studied and lowe and Margaret Mather stars of mag-nitude in a single season. First of all they discovered that she had a natural apilitude for dramatic work besides nat-ural graces, which count for much on the stage. Then her hard, severe trainng began and continued day after day til the stiffness and the crudeness of he amateur had been worn away and reat first non-productive, will in time re-turn their cost and more in increased ripe for her public debut, and on Nov. 4 at Harrishurg—at the expense of the ripe for her public debut, and on Nov. 4 at Harrisburg—at the expense of the last she made her first appearance heschools, hospitals and aryluma." hind the footlights. Her success was gratifying to herself and her manager ple; they help to swell the totals, but and since then she has been received with still they do not make each citizen's favor wherever she has appeared. She have changed, so that any party polling the share of the burden heavier than be-krown in the profession as "One Nishi office in the state shall be entitled to file fore. Furthermore, this is a growing Stands," which is considered as as upcountry and can stand a legitimate pleaserful course of training to that which she received before making her deout, it is not considered wise to pre-ment the young woman to New York heater-goers this season, but she is ultimotely destined to appear there and win her way into prominence. When in this city Monday night she was suffering also had a Republican treasury which from an attack of the grip and was adhad in it "money to burn." ance. Her work under such disadvan-tages was all the more remarkable. To her physical condition is attributed in part at least the weakness of voice that apparent in the scene from Mac-

-0-James O'Connor, until recently city editor of the Scranton Truth, has been en-gaged in the editorial department of the Diocesan Record, and will enter upon hi new duties this week. Mr. O'Counor well known as one of the most able faithful and painstaking newsgatherers in the Lackawanna Valley. As a value member of its staff, he helped the Trut to prepare its first issue, and served that paper for many years as city editor; dur-ing which time there is no question that the excellence of the Truth's local pages were largely due to Mr. O'Connor's un-tiring efforts. In addition to his regular labors Mr. Q'Connor has devoted considerable time to special newspaper work and is the authorized Scranton representative of several metropolitan dailies Publisher McTague, of the Record, has been fortunate in securing the services of this talented journalist and the Record will no doubt prove additionally interest-ing under Mr. O'Connor's editorial man-

The row in the Keyser Valley district of the Twenty-first ward during the hours of election Tuesday was far reaching in its annoyance. The place where the patriots of the district meet and decide the welfare of the country is the basement of a two story wooden house, colored a nat-ural black. Over the basement is the a constant tumult in the basement, shuf-fling of feet, the smash of furniture, tally houting, a number of delicate oaths, etc etc., and at t o'clock, when Patrolman Tom Jones, went upstairs and reported to the West Side central station, the New

"A rumar has been current for some duys past to the offect that Shadrach & Collins were going out of business nere," says the Wilkes-Barre Record, "To a right slong, and expect to do business on the same spot for years to come. It is true, however, that we have leased M. J. Davidow's store room at 222 Lackawanna avenue, in Scranton, for a term of years, and we expect to open a branch store there in a few weeks. As for leaving this city, there is nothing in it. We are going to branch out simply and from this the rumor was started." rumor was started."

Wm. H. Shiffer, the contra-bass player in the Symphony orchestra, is the foundation for the whole orchestra. He produces more tone than any four ordinary bass players and he stands today without an equal for his age. Mr. Shiffer is one of Mr. Bauer's pupils and is one of whom the latter may justly feel proud. He also is a possessor of a very fine instrument. He began studying about nine years ago and played in Bauer's junior orchestra, but he showed such rapid advancement that he soon acquired a position in the regular orchestra. He is a hard worker, a ready student, and a brilliant future is undoubtedly before him.

The reception and banquet to be given nited States Senator-elect Boles Pen-se on Friday evening of next week at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, promb the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, promises to be a very great success. Fred W. Fleitz, of this city, one of the committeemen of the Republican League of Pennsylvania, under whose auspices the affair is given, says there will be over 500 guests. The ex-presidents of the league, ex-Mayor Stuart, of Philadelphia; Hon. John B. Robinson, and Major Everett Warren, of this city, are the honorary reception committee. Prominent Republicans from all the states are expected to

# STATE

And now the gossip goes that Senators Quay, Platt, Cullem and Davis, not to mention a score of others, are auxious to see Mark Hanna get into the senate, so that they can have sport with him. If we recollect, some of these noise senators tried to do that thing at St. Louis.

The Philadelphia branch of the National Republican League of Eusiness Men (the Wanamaker-Dolan organization) as insures that it will continue the battle for a new deal in state politics. It pieds to liself: To secure the nomination and election of proper candidates for the offices of state treasurer and auditor general. To use all proper means for the passage of a bill to regulate deposits of state moneys and to secure interest thereon. To advocate such changes in the conon. To advocate such changes in the con-duct of the state treasury, by legislation or otherwise, as will prevent the with-holding of the state's money—on deposit n certain banks—from the several coun-ties of the state, to the great embarrass-ment of the schools and charities of the ment of the schools and charities of the commonwealth. It is also proposed that the league shall operate with the following ends in view: To further the passage of a proper revenue law, which will so equalize the assessment of taxes as to give relief rom unjust discrimination and at the same time provide an adequate revenue for the state. To protest against curtailment or reduction in the annual appropriations to the several counties of the state for school purposes. To favor the enactment of legislation to limit and control and prevent beyond proper limit. ontrol and prevent beyond proper limit be operation of poels and trusts. To rge the passage of laws that will most urge the passage of laws that will most effectually carry out the provisions of the "reform" planks in the last two state platforms. It is interesting to note in this connection that the one source of opposition in the legislature to the Quay reform legislation comes from those members who recently supported Mr. Wanamaker for senator.

tead plays and then acted them. Hers was not the theoretical school, She studied under the men who made Julia Marawe and Margaret Mather stars of marking the school of the stars of the school of the stars of the school of the wealth of Pennsylvania, its almost inex-exhaustable resources, are we not rich enough to erect a state capitol without robbing the rising generation, now in the public schools, and without cutting of the bounty heretofore alloyted to the unfortunate and dependent? Would any Pennsylvanian boast of a capitol built with the money wring from the latter class and denied the school children? Pennsylvania should have a capitol buildplaced by the naturalness and ease of manner that experience gives. When the burnishing process had proceeded so far sisterhood of states, but under no circumstant the real beauties of the gem were

Prohibition State Chairman Charles R Jones is endeavoring to have the ballo office in the state shall be entitled to file certificates of nomination. As the law now reads, the percentage necessary is 2 per cent, which requires that the Prohibitionists in order to be represented on the ballot, must direculate nomination papers and get a large number of signatures, which is considered by them an injustice, inasmuch as they have been nominating candidates for the past twenty-five years, and declare they shall cony-five years, and declare they shall con tinue to do so until the saloon is probi bited from legally continuing business.

The complications in Ohio are believed to be all that stands in the way of Gov-ernor Hastings' selection for postmas-ter general. The president-elect has as-sured the governor's friends that he On a Taylor street car the other day two men sat huddled in a corner. When this official table. If Governor Bushnell appoints Mark Hanna for the unexpired conductor began to make a feeth corner of John Shanna for the unexpired

tax conference will not be passed by this legislature. A test of the proposed bill for the last two years was made by the auditor general, and it is found it does ot raise enough revenue.

There is renewed talk in legislative cires in favor of the creation in this state of an excise commission to take the li-tense problem off the shoulders of the judges. It is probable that a bill to this effect will soon be introduced.

#### ELECTRICAL PROGRESS.

From the Troy Times.

Ten years ago the electric railway was almost unknown, but during the year 1887 the trolley system was introduced in this country, and at the close of that year there were thirteen street railways using electricity and operating about 100 cars. Two years ago the number of electric roads was in round numbers 850, the mileage was 9,000 miles and the cars in use numbered 25,000, the aggregate inestment in these plants being more than \$400,009,000. At present it is estimated that there are more than 13,000 miles of dectric railway in the country, while he cars number not less than 30,000. Last year 1,900 miles of track were constructed and 5,000 new motor cars added to the total rolling stock. This increase is truly remarkable and for two reasons. In the first place, it was a dull year and street railways are directly affected by dullness in general business. In the second place, the work of substituting electric motor cars for horse cars on street rallways was practically conclud-ed some time ago. There are compara-tively few horse cars left, and the in-crease in the electric railroad mileage now means virtually new roads or new

Dr. Bell, of Newton, Mass., an author ity on matters appertaining to electrica power, estimates that the gross power of the electric motors used in the United States today is not less than 1,250,000 horse-power. The total seems enormous when it is considered that only a few years ago electrical power in all its forms was almost unknown. Even the total power live years ago was not more than one-fifth what it is today. From this comparative showing it will be seen that the aggregate power has been increasing even more rapidly than the railroad mileage, and this is accounted for by the fact that electric power is being generally introduced in many in-dustries. It has been found that elec-tric power may be obtained at small cost, and especially is this the case with respect to mining plants located in loalities where coal is expensive and wat er power plenty. One example is cited by this authority in which an electrial installation for mining purposes paid

There is every reason to believe that electricity produced by water power will at no very distant day furnish the bulk of the industrial power of this country. The problem of transmitting power of long distances still presents many diffi-culties, but the electrical experimenters have already surmounted many obstacle and are likely to surmount those that re main before meny years have clapsed. The history of the harnessing of Niagara is femiliar to all, and the transmission of the current from the cataract to Buffalo is looked upon as a great electrical triumph. Yet even this has been surpassed. In California rapid progress has been made in the long distance transmission of electrical power, and at the present time Fresno derives power from a waterfall thirty-five miles away, the line being eight miles longer than that between Niagara and Buffalo. main before many years have clapse

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this immense energy over considerable distances would revolutionize many industries, nor would the work cease at this point. It is believed possible to convert the great anthracite culm heaps into electricity and make the coal mines. themselves great generating stations, in-stead of sending coal to various parts of stead of sending coal to various pairs of the country that it may produce heat and power it would be converted into electrical energy at the mines and trans-mitted by wire, effecting the same re-sults at reduced cost. The possibilities of electrical power and its transmission are wonderful to contemplate, and nothng in this direction seems impossible

#### SOME NEWSPAPER ETHICS.

From the Altoona Tribune. The newspaper man who appropriates the literary work of another, without acknowledgement, and without any sign to show that it is not his own, is guilty of meral theft, though the law does not take cognizance of his act. He does a wrong to the one whose work he takes, with a consensure a false impression to \$5.97 per dozen. while conveying a false impression to others. In effect he is strutting around in borrowed clothes, hiding his own inellectual nakedness with the garments

of others. Equally deserving of censure is he who takes articles from other journals, from magazines, or from books, labeling them "Exchange," or "Selected." When the "Exchange," or "Selected," When the author of an article is known his name should always be printed in connection with it. If a newspaper or a magnaine bought the article and published it, it should have credit also. Occasionally one does not know who wrote a poem, a story or an essay nor where its nubicaone does not know who wrote a poem, a story or an essay, nor where its publication was originally made. In that event the suggestion of the Central Christian Advocate that one label it "Author Unknown," or "Unidentified," is a very good one.

But "the worst sardine in the box," to

use a vulgar but forcible phrase, is the editor who, for the sake of triumphing over a rival, or scoring a point in a con over a fival, or scoring a point in a con-troversy, will pervert the meaning of the other's articles, or resorting to equally despicable methods. As many readers never see the original article thus mai-treated, this method is well calculated to do harm. It is true that no one with a conscience or with a proper sense of honor resorts to such practices, but then there are men who have access to the there are men who have access editorial columns of newspapers who are

editorial columns of newspapers who are destitute of either.
Whoever writes an article which is deemed worthy of publication is entitled to due credit if his name be known. In many cases this is all the compensation he receives. To seize that which has cost him toll and time, and to use it without a word of acknowledgment is very uniust. very unfust.

#### WAS PARTICULAR.

Pixley, in the Times-Herald. He was a new reporter and had been assigned to write up the meeting of a temperance revivalist. As he was sitting 'way back near the door, a vision in feminine leveliness sidled up to him and, seeing in him a prospective convert from the terrible thralldom of drink gave him a smile which melted the icicles on the caves and asked him if he ever

"Yes, ma'am, I do," he answered, with firmness of purpose in every tone of his voice; "but never under such circum-stances. I won't drink with women whom I don't know."

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iny rule Canada, its people will remain

#### TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer.

(2) It will be apparent to a child born o this day that Dunmore is entitled to the cake for the rapid increase of population in voting districts.

The ground hog evidently viewed his shadow in the vicinity of Mr. Pauli's side-There is plenty of money in the coun

try, but the people who circuli to become more scarce daily. The crusade against people in Scranton who neglect to shovel snow from side walks will be all right if the snow only holds out. The butcher is about the only business

conting committee. Prominent Republication for cleen and the states are expected to available in this country will be utilized in the vicinity of the miserly. "Blow in attend.

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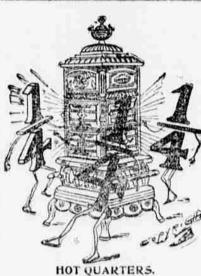
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