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Rumors as to the Supreme court's attitude toward the ripper bill have no importance and are no doubt circulated to create unrest. The court will take its own way and time in setting forth its position and when it speaks the decree will be final.

### Contempt of Court.

HILEE is netive and earnest speculation as to the attitude of the Supreme court This is natural in view of the effect which the court decision will have not only upon the government of three of the principal cities in the commonwealth but also upon the immediate future of what may be called the factional politics of Pennsylvania. Few issue more significant in their political bearings have ever come before that tribunal for review, and interest in the court's interpretation of the law la correspondingly intense.

But that fact supplies no warrant for newspaper reflection upon the Supreme court with a possible purpose of discrediting its decision in advance. The publication in yesterday's Philacciphia Press asserting positively that one of the justices of the court, whom it names, had carried tidings to the governor of the court's status, is proneunced by the governor an unquallfied falsehood. In that case it is contempt of court, because its effect is to weaken public confidence in the discretion of the court and to create the suspicion that the court is improperly influenced.

The basis of the article in the Press remains to be disclosed. The Press must either prove its statement or anologize. As a reputable newspaper, fair in most things and biased chiefly in its relationship toward state polities, it will undoubtedly be prompt to set itself aright.

Times must have dreamed some of the things credited by him to Major De-

### Wealth and Wages.

T WOULD not burt the Scranton man like John D. Rockefeller nor do we think that it would seriously offend any of its readers. giving of employment to labor being a "charity," as the Times sneers, although as between affording the poor man a chance to carn a living by honest toil and merely tossing him a contribution of money from time to time, most persons prefer the former.

But it speaks poorly for the common sense or common fairness of many of our newspapers that they appear to means are used honorably for the upbuilding of industry whereby labor is afforded a steady market for its toil. Such decision is seemingly popular with the voluntarity idle, the envious and the discontented. It is the kind of literature that takes well before gatherings of anarchists, jail-birds and holices; but we refuse to believe that it wins the sympathy of self-respecting workingmen. They must see through its sloppiness and victous ten-

We know of employers, some in this to throw faithful employes out of a means of livelihood. This was not "charity," perhaps, nor "mixing up charity with the paying of wages," but it was a kind of enlightened selfishness which is deserving of esteem rather than repreach. And in the case of John D. Rockefeller, we see no reason why his use of wealth to employ labor steadily at good wages long after his personal needs had been amply provided for and the accumulation of wealth purely for selfish purposes had ceased to interest him, should recommend him for public cen-

We have a picture of the editor of the Times refusing to become wealthy when the chance offered.

If there is any Solid South today, it seems to be solid for Mr. McKinley.

### Term-Averages and Why.

HE INFLUENCE of the terms average system of promotion-instead of the written examination that may be "crammed" for, as the time draws near,by the pupil with a "quick" memory for facts, frequently as quickly forgotten-is invariably for permanence of acquirement. It goes to the formreached, towards which that particular day's lessons thoroughly acquired will ing on ocean liners." If there is such or two of aguardiente, a drink distilled from

mean an appreciable step forward, Not only will regular attendance at recitation mean something in itself. The child's own standard of daily results will rise; the mind will develop as naturally as the leaves and blossoms on tree and shrub develop under the influence of the sunshine and warm air and nurturing showers of spring.

Very soon, all the more clearly than under "cramming" systems with a written examination in view in which the most omnivorous memory wins, comes into comprehension the knowledge that fads and ologies need to be dropped out of the over-loaded school curriculums. The three Rs and the thorough teaching of them will "come to the fore" again. It will not be set forth continually, as it now is, that "it is necessary to interest the children," meaning by "interest" in fact to "amuse" them. They will get a much more healthy "interest" in study for its own sake, with the knowledge that each day's step forward in the branches that must serve them as a foundation for success in life, serves also for school success. They will take in the sense of the school success at once. As they advance the knewledge of its bearing on success in life

will come to them. Those who must leave school early will go forth better equipped than now-actually knowing what they have been taught, and with the mental habits formed that will enable them to go on with their own education, whatever their pursuits, their means of making a living, may be. As for the others, those who can have the higher education, Harvard's and other university and college presidents will be able then to cease their complaints of freshmen entering who have to be taught almost the rudiments of our own noble language: and Columbia will be released from the necesor the so-called sipper bill. Sity of doing the grammur, and even the primary, school's neglected work in teaching spelling. She has undertaken what the other universities so

> far have only proclaimed the need of. Let us have term-average promotions with their regular, unfailing stimulus, instead of the feverish excitement for some and hopeless depression of others. Let us have the foundation studies restored to their rightful place, and the smattering of ologies wait. Let the school classes number as many as the teacher can have individual knowledge of in such wise as to be able to give individual help as needed.

Our friends of the Democracy evince a disposition to kidnap the city gov-

> Not a Clue. ERSONS who like to imagine

things are making much just now of the fact that the United States Supreme court has admitted to practice before it a citizen of Porto Rico, its rule having been to admit American citizens only. The inference they draw is that the court intends to decide that "the constitution follows the tiag."

But the Washington Star disposes of this conjecture by showing that the treaty with Spain specifically stipulated that cases in the courts of Porto Rico should be carried to the Supreme The Harrisburg correspondent of the | court of the United States on appeal, and it would be ridiculous to ha provided were the lawyers who tried the cases in Porto Rico not given the right to argue the case in the higher tribunal after having conducted it in Porto Rico. Furthermore, the treaty Times to be fair even to a rich also provided that the citizens of Porto Rico should become citizens of the United States after a specified time, which has elapsed, should they not Nobedy has said anything about the in the meantime indicate their wish to remain citizens of Spain. "Citizenship in different places in the United States has." the Star points out, "never meant equal political privileges, which has been determined by the conditions attending the local residence. A citizen of the District of Columbia is no less than a citizen of the nation, though he may not have power to vote, and a woman in Louisiana is take delight in deriding men whose not less a citizen than a woman in Colorado, though one can vote and the

other cannot." The word citizen does not mean a voter. Citizenship is the result of birth or naturalization. It applies to all inhabitants of a country who have not debarred themselves from it by expatriation or, in case of aliens, by failure to take out the necessary papers. But the franchise is a different matter. It is not a right but a privilege, to be conferred or withheld at the option of the sovereign. Thus a Porto Rican may be a citizen of the United States and yet not stand on the same level city, who, time after time, have kept with a citizen of Pennsylvania or of mills, factories or shops going at a the District of Columbia Consequentloss, simply because they did not want | iy no clue to the Supreme court's mind on the insular cases is afforded in the to practice before it.

Mr. Albert L. Johnson, who is about York to Philadelphia, writing in the New York Independent, says that of parity. the 4,750,899 people who, according to the census of 1900, reside in those two adding in the administration of its government of the census of 1900, reside in those two adding in the administration of its government. This is than four million people "have never | bir fond of \$6,000,000 which makes a deficit seen the other city"; and believes also that a thoroughly well built trolley Pacine which can say as much. In the matter of whoole we have appropriated \$5,500,000 each year tion to travel that will be eagerly accepted by a very large proportion of these. He proposes to build " a roadbed that shall conform to the highest standard in use by the foremost steam railroads, and which will be entirely free from grade crossings." Would that Scranton might at least have such freedom as that.

Edward VII, king and emperor, has been making an outspoken declaration against gambling, "which," says London advices, " is likely to do more to remedy this national disease than volumes of sermons or prohibitive legising of desirable habits of mind, of lation." If so, this is one of the cases regular study, developing interest in when royal influence is a good thing, the definite daily steps of study, the a very good thing. The ocean steamresults of each one of which is to tell or gamblers, however, are said to be towards advancement in the school defiant. One of them is quoted in grades. There is the every day press | London dispatches as saying that "as ent remembrance of a goal to be long as the steamship officers get their commissions there will be heavy los-

collusion on board ship the gamblers are unwise to give it away. May the warning will serve.

The boys' and girls' Bird clubs auxilery to the Audubon societies are said to be rapidly multiplying. The juven-Hes are admitted to junior membership in the Audubon societies, are provided with bird buttons and pledges of membership for signature. The pledge is; "I promise not to harm our birds or their eggs, and to protect them both whenever I am able." Prizes are offered for drawings from live birds The Massachusetts society, with headquarters in Boston, supplies at a very low price illuminated charts on which are the life size pictures of twenty-six kinds of our american birds, printed accurately in colors.

Professor Isaac T. Headland, of Pekin university, has translated and published the "Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes." Six hundred of them are in the little book, with sixteen out of eighteen Chinese provinces yet to hear from. They are deeply interesting to the student of comparative folklore, and will certainly be quite as much so, at least many of them will be, to the average American little one who makes their acquaintance.

The Russian police have the advanage of those of most countries. Whenever dull times suggest a reduction of the force there is always an anarchist plot on hand to be unearthed.

In other words, the Venezuelan war cloud has been dissolved by an apology and a rebate.

## Information and Entertainment, Too

TANTIL RECENTLY the Brooklyn bridge was the world's marvel in bridge engineering; but the new \$18,000,000 East River bridge me of the comparisons taken from an article Lewis Nixon, president of the East. River idge commission: Roughly, the new bridge ill be four times as strong as the the older structure, and in other respects its perfority will be maintained. Each of the nd each strand will have 282 single wires, a total of 10,134 wires in each cable. The normal pull each cable will be about 5,000 tens, and as ch will be capable of supporting 29,000 pounds the source inch, and will have 200 square eles net, the engineers calculate that the sus cension power of the bridge will be four time reater than the maximum demand upon it. The onepared with the eighty-five feet of the Brook yn bridge, and the character and amount of it affic will be proportionately greater. It will ave six railroad tracks, two carriage ways, each twenty feet wide, two footwalks, and two bievels In actual channel span the two bridge will not present a great difference, merely a mat ter of tour and a half feet, but in the total length of the span the new bridge will hold the word by 1,200 feet. The Brookvin bridge has and span of 1,505% feet, and a total length of 5,000 feet. The figures of the new bridge are respectively 1,600 feet and 7,200 feet. The cel towers of the new bridge are about fifty-nin eet taller than the masonry spires of the Brook yn bridge. The cap of the steel work from high ator is 225 feet; similar measurements on the ooklyn bridge give a height of 276 feet. ninimum height on either side of the venter above mean high water of spring tides v 1/5 feet; the Brooklyn has the same height, ut only at the central point.

The large dimesour, on the restoration of which e cutire geological department of Vale has been it work for a year, is now in position in Peabody me interesting facts about this prehistoric com sination of beast and reptile. Vale's dinosau a of the variety named classaurus. It was dis covered by J. B. Hatcher, now of the Carnegle Museum of Pittsburg, and a party of friends in the summer of 1891 while exploring for the late Professor O. E. Marsh, of Vale, in Converse ounty, Wyoming, It proved a most fortunatad, for not only was the specimen in excellent relation with all its parts intact, but it was o an entirely new variety. There is but on her such creature in the museums of the world ted that is in Brussels, Belgium. The entire three inches. The height of the head above the the shoulders above the base is ten feet, the length of the tail is thirteen feet seven inches selves. It is mounted in a position of mothe ground while the front limbs, which are siderably smaller than the hind limbs, are he air, showing that the creature was in th habit of propelling itself by means of the hind limbs. The chossimus' fore limbs are adapted or walking and support rather than for the arress of prehension. As is often the case of the the small torelimb of dinesaurs, three fingers the band of this specimen were used. est was a rudimentary one, the second and thir f could length, while the fourth was shorter and nith entirely wanting. The hind limb has ee digits, all well developed and massive limb bones instead of being hollow are olid, which tends to enfirm the idea that the lansaurus was fend of the water. The whole ackbone of this creature, consisting of ninety vertebrae, is complete.

"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," was the theme of an impromptu speech by Attorney General Elkin delivered on Grant's birthday at Towards, and among other things he said; "A great commonwealth extending 360 miles from that to west and 175 from north to south and it admission of a native of Porto Rico seems to me that the great Creator when he wa estowing blessings upon mankind picked out wored spot where the people might live and lappy and that upot is Pennsylvania. On the question I am an enthusiast. Almost 7,000,000 to build an electric railway from New people, intelligent and prosperous, happy, with York to Philadelphia, writing in the churches and schools dotting this fair land of ing, with factories bringing the wages of preperity. There are those who have gone about our state traducing it, denouncing those who ar forth each day between the two. He believes that 95 per cent, of that more state industrial enterprises, and yet it has state included as a control of that more state included as a control of that more state included as a control of that more state included as a control of the control of th and in addition supported orposin and soldier children, supported normal schools, paid for the faries of county asperintendents, provided to agnificent institutions of learning in our comonwealth. Pennsylvania year by year paya ou more than \$0,000,000 for officialional purposes and say without fear of successful contradiction at in our sustermood of states no other state aprepriates as pinch as does our beloved comme callit. The Empire state with almost twic or revenues apprepriates only one half as much commenwealth is touching the world indu-From this state are given the factor the formation of the great steel corporation which promises to bring to America the control of the world's market."

Twenty men in middle lifes all schelarly, tray eled and of wide experience, have founded at London bay, Fla., a bachelor colony. All are numerried and five alone so far as the fair sex is conserned. They have built their own homes, of rough velles they. of rough vellow pine. Their clearings occupy from one-half to two acres, surrounded by oal-metto trees. Each man owns a boat. There are plenty of deer and wild fowls and fish of very variety in the neighborhood. The colonist good their days in fishing and bunting and their

sugar cane and snouggled to the coast from Cuba or the West Indies. The members of this unique company include among others, a Swedish count, and a retired army captain, a graduate of West coint. For \$5 ner month they can live well, and Point. For 85 per month they can live well, and an income of \$20 a month purchases the neces-sities and loxuries. They have but to drop a baited look into the water and pull up the choicest fish, and by walking along the shorts they can pick up the firest clams and cysters. Then a walk of an ordinary city block will likely furnish them with venison from a passing deer, The climate is aderable and one can fathe in the waters of the bay at all seasons and even in summer the heat is not ereat if one' remains out of the direct rays of the sun.

emparison of Platt and Croker from which this interesting excerpt is taken: "It is all very well for New Yorkers to say there is no difference between Platt and Croker. There may be no choice, but there is a difference that is sig-nificant. In brief it is this: Mr. Platt has descended, Mr. Croker has risen, to the common level where they meet as equals. The Republi-can boss is a gentleman by birth, breeding and education; the Tammany tiger was a tough—one of the old Fourth Avenue Tunnel Gang. When Dick' Croker was learning the machinist's trade, Tom Platt was studying the classics at Yale. White Croker after dark was punching his way to the leadership of his crew of heodlums, his rival was reading the lives of the great leaders of the world. Young Croker was tried for a murder done at the polls by som one of his crowd of heelers at about the stage when Platt was leaving college. Mr. Platt is the class of can the critics say ought to go into politics. Mr. Croker is the kind that these same authorities tell us should be driven out. Mr. Platt has a business—he is president of an express company—polities is his sport, and it is said he nakes not a cent by it; Mr. Croker has no business but politics, and horse racing is his sport, Yet Dr. Parkhurst spoke for thousands when he said Platt was worse than Croker. Why? Mr. Platt knows better-he is a cynic; Mr. Croker doesn't know any better-he is sincere. In business they say that the men who have been ministers are the worst rascals to deal with. Criminals will tell you that the hardest men in their profession are those who come of good

While the eyes of American polar explorers are turned longingly toward the north pole a British xpedition is fitting out to go as near to the earth's southern extremity as man can go and return alive. This expedition will sail in the Discovery, a ship especially built for the trip. The Discovery was launched at the Dundee ship-yards a few days ago and will cost, complete, over \$250,000. It has occupied over a year in building, and is considered the strengest and most efficient exploring ship that has ever left British shores. The Discovery is commanded by Cap-tain R. F. Scott. She is a barque-rigged ship. will make it look like 30 cents. Here are with spars of sufficient dimensions to get a good of the comparisons taken from an article spread of canvas, but her principal propelling power is in the engines. amounts to 240 tons. Some amounts to 240 tons. Some idea of the strength of the vessel may be gathered from the fact that bridge; each of its four cables will be about the thickness of solid timber in the way of the twice as stout as those which support the span main deck downward to the keel is two and a half feet. At the bows the externals of the ship are further protected by heavy steel platea. or cables will consist of thirty-seven strands. Laboratories have been constructed amidships or either side of the upper deck. In the center is a magnetic observatory, and within a radius of thirty feet all the attings are of brass, copper or gan metal, so as to insure immunity magnetic influence. Protection from wind and snow in the winter months will to some extent be afforded by a woolen felt covering extending fore and aft over the ship.

Geenral Palmer, of Wilkes-Barre, in a recent speech on Grant's birthday, delivered at Towanda, put compactly some facts worthy of pre-servation for reference. Said he: "Grant commanded more men and won more victories than Hannibal, Caesar, Bonaparte, Wellington and Marlborough put together and his victories were under conditions far more difficult. His field of action was 2,000 miles long and 1,000 miles wide and more than 1,000,000 men were under his command at one time. More men were killed and wounded in the Battles of the Wilderness than were engaged on both sides at Waterloo." It is estimated that if the increase noted in the

last quarter continues, the amount of postal issues in this fiscal year will be in the neighborhood of This would be something like \$10. 600,000 more than last year, which was considered the greatest in the history of the department. The tool number of pieces of stamped paper is sucd in the year 1900 was 5,324,087,914, repre-senting a face value of 897,087,771. This ener-troits business will undoubtedly be increased 10 per cent, this year if the present rate of ad-

A physician who has recently returned from Persia says that the natives still believe that human teats are a remedy for certain chronic dis At every funeral the bottling of mourners' tears is one of the chief features of the ceremony. Each of the mourners is presented with a spenge with which to mep his face and eyes, nd after the burial these sponges are presented to the priest, who squeezes the tears into bettles,

Massachusetts is smaller than Verment. Vernent has 9,565 square neiles, whereas Massachu setts has but 8,325. And there are five other states of the union smaller than Vermont-New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware and New Jersey. Texas is twenty-eight times as big as Vermont, and makes just about one-tourteenth of the whole United States. If it were as thickly settled as Vermont it would have population of about 9,000,000.

In Sumatra, if a woman is left a widow, immadiately liter her husband's death she piants a flagstoff at her door, upon which a flag is raised. o long as the flag cemains untorn by the wind the eliquette of Sumaira forbids her to marry but at the first rept, however tiny, she can lay iside her weeds and accept the first offer she has

### THE ETERNAL PUZZLE.

science and invention man has made some wondrous strides, And it swells his head and makes him think

But it's quite a solemn fact that one nut he's never cracked, With all his wealth of knowledge and of wit. Now, why is lovely woman always doing this or

Just like she has been doing since the fall? If you listen now to me I am sure you will agree, It's because she is a woman—that is all.

Now, why does lovely woman out her dresses far too leng, Then prance along the streets with them too Why does her "yes" mean "no," and why does her "no" mean "yes?

It's because she's a woman, that is why.
If her hair grows down her forchead in a frazeled bunch of curts.

She will comb it straight and make it back-ward fall:

If as straight as string it grows, for the curling tongs she goes. Just because the is a woman-that is all.

Now, why does levely woman, if she happens to he stout, Crack her rile in frantic efforts to grow less; And when small, pads out her frame in a reg'lar bunco game? It's because she is a woman—that's my guess. Why does she crowd her feetlets till her too

are doubled up into narrow sloses at least two sizes small. Then look upward with a smile, saying: Just because she is a woman-that is all.

Now, why does lovely weman, if she happens to be pale, Paint upon her lovely cheeks a ruddy glow? And then, if her cheeks are red, haste to paint them white instead?
Well, friends, I must confess I do not know.

Wity does she out her corsage like the pointed letter "V," With the narrow end about her wishbone And then stuff the epon space full of creamy, It's because she is a woman-that is all.

O, woman, lovely woman! How we love you how we love sout Not a thing on earth or heaven is above you is above you!

Though inconstant, fickle, shifting, After you we're always drifting, For, despite your contradictions, how

### SANITATION LENGTHENS LIFE.

'rom Laslie's Weekly

The good effects of improved rapitation in mod ern days and the general increase of knowledge in regard to the laws of health are shown no-where so conclusively as in the extension of the average duration of human life. Sixty years ago the expectancy of life of a male child averaged less than forty years and that of a female child forty-two years. At the present time the average for males is nearly forty-six years and for females forty-eight. This means that nearly three years have been added to the working lifetime of men and two years and a half to that of women There is encouragement in this for all who are engaged in teaching and preaching the gospeof good health. Ignorance, prejudice, and in difference are slowly giving way to enlightened and common sense methods of caring for the the end of the present century the average duri vents.

### NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Eight teeth suffice the elephant for munching surposes. The giant animal has two below and two above on each side, Although there are many cold winter days in

25,000 come from the Amazon basin, 3,500 tons

from tropical Africa. andria has grown to such proportions that it

No man has ever reigned over an empire so vast as King Edward's. His Majesty rules over one continent, 100 peninsulas, 500 promontories, 1,000 lakes, 2,000 rivers and 10,000 islands.

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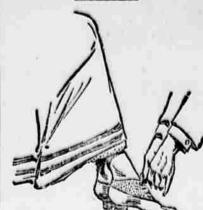
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