ement. CTRIC GAS SIGNAL -- A Berlin mehas invented an ingenious apparatus ing an alarm in case of the presence onic oxide or coal gas in a room. It sts of a galvanic battery with a bell and sa tube filled with liquid chloride of pal-This metalic salt is extremely sento the pressure of carbonic oxide gas. all quantity of the gas will at once down some of the metal from the botf the tube at once establishing a connecthe current of electricity, and the

ame proportions as in the native ore, adding a slight excess of ammonio, and make us central. It would give us command ng the precipitate with carbonate of of the trade, ilmost exclusively, of Montana, onia in a platinum crucible. The prot possesses all of the physical and chemiroperties of the native stone; its specific vity, insolubility in strong boiling acids, or and metallic lustre bear the closest mblance to chrome iron ore. By taking equivalents of oxide of iron and one valent of chloride of chromium, and ng with borax, beautiful octahedral crysare obtained.

THE FRENCH METRIC WEIGHTS.-Prof. enj. Pierce, of the U. S. Coast Survey, has mmenced carrying out a resolution of ongress declaring that each State shall be nished with a full set of standard metric agion for approval by the Department. The divided line meters are made of brass mpounded in the proportion of three parts copper and one of zinc, the bar extending eyond the terminal lines. They are di-ided into decimeters, centimeters, and illimeters. The length between the terminal lines is equal to one meter at a tem-perature of the bar of about 70 degrees Fahrenhelt. The form of the weight is similar to the present American standard weight— The sets of standards, it is asserted, will be completed before the close of the present

CHANGE IN THE TEXTURE OF IRON BY first. Many engineers maintain, as the result both of theory and experiment, that a continued strain has far less effect on an iron bean or rod, than vibrations produced by continual impact and changes of temperature. Thus, in one case, a bar of iron, an inch square, was hung perpendicularly by one end, and a small hammer arranged by clock work so as to strike it continually. After the end of a year, the bar dropped in two. This bar would, probably, have supthe club, and offers for sale his house and ported a weight at one end of it up to the furniture. In accordance with a yow, he bending point, for an almost indefinite period, Wrought iron is said to be more subject to molecular changes than cast iron. There are not wanting persons of great eminence, however, who deny the fact of any such change, or limit it to a degree as being of no practical importance. The late Robert Stephenson referred to the beam of a Cornish engine, which received a shock eight or ten times a minute, equal to about fifty five tons, for a period of twenty years, without the least apparent change. The connecting rod of a certain locomotive that had run fifty thousand miles, and received a violent jar eight times per second, or twenty-five million vibrations, exhibited no alteration. In all cases investigated by him, of supposed change of texture, he knew of no single instance where the reasoning was not deficient in some important link. Mr. Brunel, after accepting the theory of molecular change for a time, afterwards ex-pressed great doubts, and thought that the different appearances shown by iron when broken, arise from the combinations of the causes producing fracture as often as from any chonge in the texture of the material itself. He found that in certain instances iron broke with a fibrous fracture by means of a slow, heavy blow, and with a crystal-line fracture when the blow was short and sharp. The whole subject is one of great practical moment, and deserves a careful and exhaustive investigation.

A NEW TREE FOR OUR DESERT PLAINS.—We have already referred to the giant encalyptus tree of Australia as likely to be of much economical value in the arid regions of America for timber and fuel on account of their rapidity of growth, adaptation to the soil, and the excellence of the wood. Another Australian tree, the acacia lophanu, is now being experimented upon in Algiers. It grows with wonderful rapidity, and the seeds may be sown broadcast, and even from horseback, right on the surface of , sandy desert. Seeds planted this year in Southern France, in March, generated in May, and in five months had attained sheight of over six feet. To the dry, rainlessplains of Southern California, New Mexico and Texas, this tree would seem to be espaially adapted. The seeds could doubtles be obtained without difficulty from Dr Muller, the director of the Botanic Garden at Melbourne, who has this year sent seen hundred pounds of them to

THE linglish Factory Act, which went into effet on January 1st, 1869, provides that afterthat day the Saturday half holiday shall be compulsory as regards children, young pesons and women, in all factories, workshop and places in which any manual labor is prformed, with the exception of a very few rades, and of those cases in which the Secretry of State has authorized either the substitution of another half holiday instead of aturday, or that the hours of work may be taen between seven A. M. and seven P. M., or between eight A. M. and eight P. M. Thdabor of the women and children must ceas on Saturdays at two P. M.

The Governor of Minnesota gives the fol owing facts and advice concerning the Northern Pacific Railroad in his inaugural message :

The construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad from Lake Superior to Puget Sound awaits the action of Congress on bills now before it, giving aid to the road similar to that given to the Union Pacific Road. I respectfully recommend that you urge upon Congress by resolution and memorial the claims of this road for the necessary aid. It is of great national importance, affording the shortest line and easiest grades across the continent. The distance from New York to Puget's Sound, via the Northern Pacific Railroad, is 2,892 miles; from New York to San Francisco, via the Union Pacific Rail road, 3,417, a difference of 225 miles in favor of the Northern route. From Chicago to San Francisco by the Union Pacific Road, the distance is 2,438; from west end of Lake Superior to Puget's Sound, by the Northern Pacific route, the distance is 1,775 miles, a difference in favor of the Northern route of 673 miles, or more than one-fourth; while Puget's Sound is nearer by from 700 to 1,000 miles to Japan, China and India, than San Francisco is. I hardly need urge the great benefits that would result to Minnesots from the opening of the Northern route. It would traverse the northern half at ringing of a bell will warn the of the State, giving such local advantages and developments to that less favored por-tion of the State, as no other agency will trais made artificially is daily on the inie, and we shall probably be able at
time to prepare a majority of the
to formed or the force of the coath. s found on the face of the earth. We ica, for speedily lateral lines would be built shown the practical bearing of this into the British Possessions, the trade and arch in the manufacture of lapis lazuli. commerce of which would flow toward Minently Clanet has succeeded in making nesota, vastly augmenting our commerce of iron and chloride of chromium, and manufactures, and increasing our popuhat the metals iron and chromium are in lation and wealth. Instead of being on verge of population and wealth, it would

> the richest of the great mining districts of the continent. Every effort of the State should be put forth to secure this work, in which we have so great a stake.

A BOOK has recently been published in London, asserting that a musical artist, named Augustus Meves, who died in 1859, was the Dauphin of France, thus presenting a new rival to the claims of the late Rev. Eleazar Williams. The story runs that after the execution of Louis XVI., the Dauphin was released from prison by the connivance nished with a full set of standard metric of some of the keepers, who substituted another child in nis piace. This child aftermassures have been sent on to Wash-wards died in prison, and the genuine Dauphin was put under the care of a Mrs. Meves, who took him to England, where he grew up and passed for her son. At his death he left a widow and several children, two of whom have written the book referred to. The London Review remarks: 'The claimant himself appears to have refrained very wisely from pressing himself upon the attention of the public. Beyond writing to the Duchess d'Angouleme-a step which proved fruitless-he was conard; there are kilograms, demikilograms, and grams. The standard litrs or capacity measure is made of brass, of a form similar to the American standard quart, containing a volume of distilled water, which, when weighed in vacuum, equals the weight of a standard kilogram in vacuum, the water being at the temperature of its greatest density, the vessel as the same temperature. The sets of standards, it is asserted. will be few years since the fearful tragedies of the Revolution has seen so many occupants. In pronouncing the verdict of not proven, VIBANGE IN THE TEXTURE OF IRON BY

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> A FRENCH paper states that during the late watering place season a rich American, whose wife was ill, carried his daughter, a young lady of eighteen, to Baden. A married man abducted her, and she has not been seen since. The unhappy father has just returned to Paris, resigned his place at the club, and offers for sale his house and of his daughter and the punishment of her

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C. Pearson and Wm, Wilson and Emily Wilson his
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Lowell, George Cownover, John Hodge and Hannah his wife, Mars Elizabeth Burnett. Philip
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