# **FAXATION REFORM** FOR PHILADELPHIA

An Appeal to the Legislature in Behalf of Small Property Owners.

# FLAGRANT DISCRIMINATION CHARGED

Legislation Requested Under Which the People Will Have an Opportunity to Elect Members of the Board. Who Are Now Appointed by the Judges, to Supervise the Assessment of Real Estate.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, March 12,-Philadelphia is now demanding reform in the methods of assessing taxes, and she has appealed to the members of the legislature from the interor counties to essist her in getting through legislation which will bring about the desired result.

For years there has been complaint For years there has been complaint over what was declared to be flagrant discrimination in the assessment of taxes against the owners of small properties. Mechanics and other workingmen, who, through industry and thrift, have managed to save up enough to purchase small homes, have been obliged to pay taxes upon assessments which represent full 85 per cent of the market value of their properties, while the mansions of the millionaires, valued at \$200,000 and upward, are assess-at but 25 per cent of what they would bring if placed on sale in the open market The assessment of real estate in this

city has for some years been made by a board of real estate assessors, who are named by a heard of revision of taxes. The members of the board of revision of taxes are appointed by the board of judges of the courts of common plens.

complaint is that by this round about system the people have no re-dress when they have reason to com-plain of the assessment of taxes. They cannot reach the members of the beard of revision of taxes, who are a law nati themselves.

What the people now demand is that the present board of revision of taxes shall be abolished and that a new method of making assessments shall be adopted, under which the members of the board having the supervision of this work shall be elected by the pro-

Bills providing for this reform have been introduced in the senate and the house of representatives at Harrisburg, and they are being pushed through as rapidly as possible. There is no dout that in the event of their passing bet houses they will be signed by the gov-ernor, who is in full sympathy with the movement for tax reform in this city

Those who have for years, through the influence of the judges, controll the patronage of the hourd of revisio of faxes, and the real estate assesso naturally do not wint to relinguish

They have, therefore, started an and tation with the view of related mombers of the legislatury and gett them to oppose the tolls and get in designed to give the desired reform. They have mixed all sorts of obsec-tions to the proposed change and have sought to create the improved that the legislation desired is simply in the interest of cortain political managers whereas the contrary is exactly th

The men who now control the board are loth to yield their political infl ence which these positions percention REV. DR. CONWELL SPEAKS OUT Some idea of popular feiling on this

subject can be had from a public stat ment from Rev. Dr. Russell H. C. monit from Key, Dr. Russell H. Con-well, paster of the largest Bapton church in this city. "The Templet" in commenting upon this property re-form legislation, he said: "It is a good thing; an excellent thing. There was never anything so completely un-American as the present heard. J can-not conceive hear the saids of the saids of the not conceive how the people of this city could ever have permitted them selves to give nway their liberty t such an extent as to allow the found tion of a body constituted as this i Understand me, I have not a word say against the individual members o the board; they are estimable centle men; but it is the institution that i un-American. The people, in permit ting its existence, have created a tyran against whose dictum they have no re dress, dress. They have created a revisory bourd, which they cannot destroy which has the power to tax them to ruin or to tax them to success. Ones appointed, the tax reviser remains for life. It is a condition creative of tibures "The abolition of the board as as present constituted and the substitu-tion of a body of men abseted by the people, is the only locical way to Amefeasize the institution. I am very glass to hear that such a bill is before the legislature, and I sincerely hope that It will pass and become law. At present there is no way to cure an injustice The members of the buard are the own masters and masters of the peop ns well. A board elected by the would be subject to the will of the people, which is as it should be "The perference is a serious one, and connet be removed too soon. The wonder is that it has not been abuilable long

anve been looked upon as his principal political assets. While Gordon was fighting the Dem-

ocratic organization in this city, in order to get control of the local Democratic machine himself, three real estate assessors constituted an important element in his political drashization. They ment in his political organization. They were conspicuously active in Demo-cratic ward and city conventions and nearly all of them were in the move-ment with David Martin to defeat Governor Pattison when Warwick was running for mayor. At that time Gordon and his political following was in the combine to defeat Pattison, and Gordon has been Pattison's implacable for ver since.

Gordon is a bitter enemy of Col. Guffey and would not help the Democratic state organization unless it were to his own personal interest. He is regarded as one of the most selfish men in politics.

Upon the death of Mr. Loughlin, who for years was the Democratic member of the board of revision of taxes, Judge Gordon, who was then on the bench, brought about the appointment of R. A. Lukens as his successor, and he is today the Democratic member of this board. Lukens was the Gordon leader of the Eleventh ward and for years had control of the Democratic machine in that part of the city.

#### HE KNIFED PATTISON.

All of the Democratic appointments since made in the board of real es ate assessors have been personal followers of Gordon, and these who de-clined to how to the Gordon regime were retired from the board.

Friends of former Governor Pattison declare that but for Gordon's opposi-tion and his deals with David Martin Governor Pattison would have been elected mayor of this city instead of Warwick.

### BIG DINNER TO QUAY.

Plans for the great dinner to be liven under the auspices of the State League of Republican clubs in this city in honor of the election of Col. Matthew Stanloy Ouny to the United States senate are progressing favorably. A meeting of the executive committee of the State League was held last night, when the matter was carefully gone over. The allied Republican clubs of his city will co-operate with the State

League in this function. It is intended that the occasion shull be made a notable one in the political history of Pennsylvania.

It is probable that the occision will made to cover two days. The plans under consideration contemplate a re-ception by a delegation of elubraten to Col. Quay on his arrival at Bross Street station on Wednesd y, May and late that afternoon it is suggested that a luncheon be given the Beaver statesman at the Union League, to be uttended by about 400 members of the league and other representative Republicans of this city and state.

The big dinner will probably be held in the Academy of Music. The Academy has a seating connecty diners and with room for nearly twice that number of spectators. The pres-ent intention is to have the dinner or the evening of Thursday, May 9.



respected him, and feel in his death a With the death of Magee the insur

gents lost their ablest leader. Flinn should naturally be called upon to take his place, but he is utterly unfitted for leadership. He has the instincts of the slave driver, and cannot command the trivial diff of me, who are associated with him in a political cause. He is domineering, dicta-torial and inconsiderate of the feelings of others. He has made enemies in or others, no has indee chemies in every move he has undertaken during the last few years, and he has done the cause with which he has been as-sociated great injury in many ways. REVOLUTION DUE IN ALLEGHENY

The passing away of Magee will result in a political revolution in Alle-gheny county. Films would like to take his place as the leader of the organization which Masse spent years to build up and strengthen, but he can never fill the role. He has enemies in every ward in Plitsburg, who are in-fluential in their respective localities and who are only waiting an oppor-tunity to close their accounts with him. They will follow almost anybody but Flinn in the proposed reorganiza-tion of the party. They are not necessarily supporters of Col. Cuay in state politics, but they would gladly join hands with him to prevent Flind from coming to the front.

FLINNISM TO BE RETIRED. The recent movement which resulted in the passage of the reform charter bill, the so-called "ripper" legislation, was brought about by the popular de-aire to get rid of Filmian, which, with Magee on his deathbed, seemed to

be cropping out in every branch of the city governmer t. Flinn appointments, Flinn contracts Flinn grabs of every kind and charac-

ter were developing every day until the people determined that a halt must be called.

Led by the chamber of commerce and kindred organizations of influertial citizens, an agitation was started for the reform charter bill, and the outcome was its passage. Since this measure received the signature of the governor leading Republicans of Al-legheny county have been at work perfecting an organization; and it is predicted that within the next 10 days a thorough and compact committee will have been formed in every ward, which will promptly take up the work of retiring William Flinn from the head of the party organization in Allepheny county. The new organization will work in accord with the regular Re-publicans in the state, and they will add new energy and vim in the strug-gle to wipe out insurgatilem forever.

THE END IS NEAR. Philadelphia started in the work of obliterating the insurgents from the face of the political map of Permylvania, and David Martin has pract ly been relegated to private life. If present following is too small to be numbered a factor in state polities. Now that Flinn in to be turged dow in his home strenghold, there will be nothing left but a few frequents of the insurgent organization in the state

The Martin machine in Philadelphia and the Flinn machine in Pitts arg constituted four-fifths of the entire insurgent following. The contingent in the interior of the state has been almost obliterated, and before the next state convention of the Republican par-ty shall be held there will not be enough insurgents in the entire com-monwealth to elect a corporat's guard of state delegates. BALLOT REFORM COMING.

The subject of ballot reform will be onsidered by members of the local ture here this week. The several bills introduced in the senate and the hour on this subject will be taken up and carefully considered. Coi. Quay has requested the Democratic lender submit a bill, and he believes that if they are sincere in their prototation for ballot reform there should be a difficulty in reaching an aggest upon a bill, which will meet every

# A STUDY IN DINING.

THE VERY FAT LADY AND THE TABLE D'HOTE DINNER.

#### What This Gastronomic Criminal Ate and How It Impressed an Observer, With Some Remarks on Appetite and Moderation.

The usual thoughtful person-who will spend an hour studying the ant at his toll-will disregard his fellow being stuffing at the table d'hote opposite him. It is a great mistake to let any hour

go by without analyzing and dissecting the human things around you. Impressed with this notion we carnest-

ly, but politely, studied the fat lady as he came to eat.

She sat down and breathed heavily. That heavy breathing told of asthmatic tendencies-due to an overloaded stomach-and it prophesied an early ending to placid life. It meant that she should fast moderately for a month.

All fat people have some queer con-tradiction about them. This fat lady had for belt buckle a bronze plate four times as big as a silver dollar. On the bronze plate in relief was the bust of a thin, scrawny, bony, spirituelle girl. High in the air the fat lady held her

three pink chins. Below at her belt and far out of her sight was the bronze relief of a woman as a woman should be In the old days of knightly frankness it would have been proper to lean for-

ward and say: "Beautiful fat lady, radiant being, if you will you can be as scrawny, health-ful and pleasing as the thin thing at your

But in these days such frank talk will not do. We could only sit and watch sadly. "Oysters," said the lady, and ate them,

breathing hard and tugging pitifully with her lungs at her cruel corset strings, "Mock turtle soup," said she, and ate that. Then her breath was a little bit

shorter and her face a shade pinker. "I think I'll have some fish." She ate half a flounder, called **a** "sole" by cour-

"Lobster." "Roast beef."

"Potatoes."

"Corn." "Beets"-no one can digest them. "Sweet potatoes." "Punch, with curacoa." This eats out

your stomach's lining. "Broiled quail on toast,"

"Lettuce and tomato salad." All these she ordered and ate conscien iously.

The waiter could have shamed Pee's raven with his solemn, impassive filling of a vast void. He showed no signs of mirth, amazement, rage or impatience, but only said:

"What else, lady ?"

The lady said: "I don't care for anything else-just

give me some ice cream and cheese and crackers and a cup of coffee." She was an agreeable looking fat lady. She was tidy, fairly intelligent in appear-ance; had evidently been subject all her life to Christian influences.

Undoubtedly, somewhere in this world, some one loves her, and to that person she says quite often: "Dear me, I wish I did not get so stout.

I don't know what to do," The kind admirer says:

"I don't think you're stout." The poor fat thing breathes heavily, but more happily, and cats in the same rep-tilian fashion the next day.

We are perfectly well aware that some fat people do not eat a great deal-that they get fut in spite of all efforts. But they are exceptions, and, besides, we call their attention kindly to the fact that fat is not made of air, but of food, and that if they eat less they will weigh less.

We have no hope that many will re-form at our bidding, but none the less we paint this picture from life for their contemplation

for the table d'hote, it should be As called the "table d'indigestion," and laws should be passed to modify it. Man is intended of cou

BETTER THAN MARCONI'S WHY DOES ONE SHUDDER!

The Instituctive Borror of Mankind Secretary Wilson Has a Wireless Telegraph System That May Sult the Number of the News.

WASHINGTON, March & -- Since has autumn the savy department has sus pended the experiments in the employment of wireless telegraphy as a means of communication between mayal vessels and between vessels and the shore. Up to this time none of the warships has been equipped with a permanent plant While it may be true that Marconl is coming to the United States and that he may while here communicate to the navy epartment some proposition looking to the installation of his own system of tel egraphy on our unval vessels, the unvy

Rear Admiral Bradford, the chief of the conjument bureau, which naturally would install any such means of con munication, has had conference with some of the most eminent electricians in the United States as to the availability of the wireless telegraph for naval use But so far nothing like the ideal system has been found. The latest proposition has been breached by the department of agriculture.

lepartment has not yet engaged him to

Securitary Wilson, hearing that the avy was casting about for a serviceable system of telegraphy, has written Admiral Bradford to notify him that the agricultural department has been exper imenting for some time with wireless tel-egraphy and has attained remarkable resuits. His experts assert positively that they have evolved a system radically different from Marcoul's and of far great ed efficiency. For obvious reasons the details of the process are kept secret but it is probable that within a short time a practicable exhibition will be made on board of a naval vessel. The bureau of equipment, fortunately, has a considvalde an availation made in a lumi it its disposal to cover the expenses o installing all kinds of electrical appli-ances, aside from those connected with the mechanical department of the ship and when Secretary Long gives the order a part of this will be spent in trying Se retary Wilson's experts' devices. The outcome will be watched with the greatst interest by all naval men, particular ly in view of the announcement that not only England but Germany and the other European maritime powers have ordered the installation of wireless plants in their unvies.

GRAIN IN FARMERS' HANDS

March Report of the Department of Ag ion'ture,

WASHINGTON, March 12. - The March report of the statistician of the department of ngriculture shows the amount of wheat remaining in farmers' bands on Marca 1 to have been about 122.000,000 bushels, or 24.5 per cent r st year's crop, as compared with 158, 700,000 bushels, or 20 per cent of the crop of 1800, on hand March 1, 1900, and 198,000,000 bushels, or 20.3 per cent of the crop of 1808 on hand on March

18981 The corn in farmers' hands is estima

ted at 776,200 000 bashels, or 36,9 per per cent of last year's crop, against 773,-700,000 bushels, or 37.2 per cent of the crop of 1800, on hand March I, 1900, and 800,000,000 bushels, or 41.6 per cent of the crop of 1808, on hand on March 1 tem 1, 1800,

Of outs there are reported to be about 252,800,000 buchels, or 36.2 per cent of last year's crop, still in farmers' hands, as compared with 200,000,000 bushels, 30.5 per cent of the crop of 1809, on hand on March 1, 1900, and 283,000,000 bushels, or 38.7 per cent o file crop of 1898, on hand on March 1, 1899.

## PRESDENT'S PLANS

I Go to California Is the Spring. Ro evalt to Go to ster Hay.

WASHINGTON, March 12, - The for."-Stray Storles. esident has given definite assur-

# THE MACHINE THAT TALKS

For Certain Animals, One of the unexplainable things it human nature is the antipathy of person to certain animals. A woman is afraid

of a mouse. Why is it? Nearly every one will admit privately that some instinct of horror leads him to shrink from certain animals which he knows to be harmless. This feeling gen-erally increases as we proceed downward in the scale of animal life, reaching its maximum at insects and spiders. But i is not confined to these lower animals Apart from the feeling some women have toward mice, there are men who have some such feeling even toward dogs. Going from mammalla to birds, such feelings may be unusual, but some persons have to a certain extent this horror at the idea of touching certain fowls, though most birds seem to them unobjectionable.

As regards reptiles, the feeling is com mon. Thousands shrink from touching a common ring snake or a glowworm, the most harmless of animals, or even a frog, but others will make pets of frogs or of the harmless kind of snakes. So woman might make a pet of a frog and shrink from a mouse. This instinctive dread reaches its most

marked point in the case of insects and spiders. Some shudder at the thought of touching any insect, or, they would say, creeping things. Some would play with certain insects—a moth—but shrink from others, as a cockroach or earwig, both perfectly harmless. With years these feelings may change. The "goat moth" is one of the large moths, and I should gladly let it crawl on my hand, but even now, after many years, I sludder at the mere thought of touching the enterpillar of that moth. I mention these things about myself because one can, in such cases, say with certainty what one has known, but not what one has merely been told. I hope some readers whose in-genuity or knowledge is more profound than mine will suggest a satisfactory explanation of these singular feelings which we certainly have toward some and vaous creatures. Whether other animals share such feel-Whether other animals state sheat rec-ings I know not, bert I will tell an ance-dote suggesting something of the kind. An observer saw two hangry sparrows in the street with a black object between

them which they seemed to wish to pick up, but the thing seemed to wriggle and the birds to shrink from it, and soon they the birds to shrink from it, and soon filey flew away. What repelled them was a beetle resembling that commonly called the "devil's conch horse," and, like the sparrows, the observer shrank from it. Though no doubt it was perfectly harm-less, it would have needed a strong mo-tive to induce the person who told this there is disk it was even who told this story to pick it up even with gloves, and the sparrows seemed at least to feel as he did. This beetle, so hideous that a man, and even a couple of sparrows, shrank away with repulsion at the mer-sight of it, was yet, doubtless, to its own kind, a hand-some, beautiful animal. Why should a woman shudder at the thought of a harmless mouse ?- Seattle Post-Intel ligencer

Ilis Honor's Lecture Wasted.

"Aha! Another case of wife beating, I suppose," said the magistrate steruly when there was brought into the court a great, rawboned giant of a bully and a tiny, shy, meek looking little woman about 89 pounds weight. "Ain't you ashamed of yourself, sir?" said the magistrate sternly. "A man who would strike a woman is so low in the scale of buman degradation that there are no words in which to express his cowardice and baseness. A man who will be so entrue to his yous as a husband as to strike his wife is too contemptible to live. Come, my good woman, let me hear your story. Do not be affaild to speak freely. You are under the protection of

this court, and no harm shall come to you from hit A bright light came into the tiny woman's blue eyes, a crimson flush came to the wan check, and her roice cut the air like a two edged sword as she said; "Yer off yer perch, yer honor. It was me as licked him! That's what I'm here



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#### PLAYING FOR DEMOCRATS.

An attempt is being made by thus seeking to continue in control of th board of revision of taxes to get th Democratic members of the legislator lined up against the reform bills. The are using arguments that this is a Re-publican "machine" move, and that i will burt the Democratic marts

The facts of the case are that the proposed legislation will make this new tax board a non-partisen body. giving the Democrats the right to elect a representative on the board and us ; share in the patronage.

GORDON'S PERSONAL MACHINE. It has lisen a matter of public scandal for years that former Judge Gor don has practically dictated the selection of a large percentage of the Devr occasic real estate assessment. The

Grawth of French Jacobia Clabs.

A Jacobia club was established at Mar-elles before the end of 1789, and within the first six months of 1789, find with-in the first six months of 1790 one was organized in each of the large towns. But it was after the mational federation, July 14, 1790, that Jacobin influence spread most rapidly

They byanch societies began to be organized all over France, and as an aid to this the club at Paris in the autumn to this the cub at Paris in the antimum of 1700 founded file Journal des Amis de la Constitution of which. Lactos las-obia opinions and increased rapidly the communitor of clabs. Before the end of the year Lactos was able to publish a fier of avec 120 nonviocial clubs. By

and Will Mean It-Ellisten tion. From Practical Polit'es in Pennsylvania.

Passing Away of the Pittshorg Lends

er Will Bayen Far Reaching Effect

Upon the Incurgent Organization

(Special Correspondence,)

Harrisburg, March 12-Naturally the effect of the Conth of Sonator C L. Magee upon the politics of Pennaylvania, and especially of Allegheny county, is being discussed by thos, who take an active interest in the Republican organization. The inte Senator Magee was unquestionably the ablest and strongest of them Republicars who saw fit to Join the insurgent movement in the contest over the Uni-ted States senatorship which was waged in this state for over four years. Magee, until within a few days of the end of the great deadlock, remain-ed within the Republican ranks and voted for the Republican caucus nomi-nee. Then he insisted that a senator should be elected. While either unof Flinn, of Allegheny, into line for the cancus nominee, he with his personal following at home and a few others in the state bolted the caucus and joined the insurgents. He con-tinued his associations with the insur-gents until the time of his death. There are those who believe that had it not been for his physical condition.

(he was in the hands of surgeons and physicians for the last two years) Maree would never have taken be course be did. It is declared that he was in-fluenced by Flinn and others, who were playing a game of selfish politics, and cured nothing for Manne's record for consistent. Denothing for Manne's record for consistent Republicanism.

## STONE'S TRIBUTE TO MAGEE.

Since Magee has passed away full credit has been given him by his po-litical opponents of the last few years for the noble traits in his character

for the noble traits in his character-and his great work of charity. Governor Stone, in commenting upon his death, among other things said: "There is no man in Pennsylvania whose death ceuid cause more grief and he a greater public loss than that of Senator Mages. He was an hon-est fouries with more who healt are est, fearless, able man, who built up his own record, and who leaves behis own record, and who tenyes be-hind him a great host of personal friends, who, upon many occasions, have experienced evidences of his friendahip, and who will cheriab his memory with the most sincere grati-tude. In a private way, without at-tracting the attention of the public, he did much for charity and much for the poor-more than many whose names are extalled for sublic baseficence. I have always admired him increations

1791 there were nearly 400, in July of the next year this number had increased to 1,200, and when the republic was es-tablished excellent authority estimates the number of addinated clubs at 26,000 one for every commune in France. Very soon these clubs became center

of the advanced revolutionary feeling The young radicals of the provincial towns flocked to them, and through them they controlled local politics. In Paris,

ballet reletm Senator Quay says that he is in favor of putting every safeguard necessary around the voting system to insure a secret ballot, a correct count and true return of the votes as cast. No

one should ask for more. There is, however, a small element of so-called radical independents who want the circle at the top of the offi-cials ballot eliminated, but Republicans and Democrats alike who the method of voting a party ticket should be made as easy as possible, de-mand that some such opportunity to vote a straight ticket with one mark shall be given the voters. FOCHT STILL HOPEFUL

Senator Focht is still hop-ful that there will be an agreement for nonpartisan support of his ballot with some amendments. Since he has shown that the Municipal Learn would be entitled to a separate civi on the ballot he does not anticipat much opposition from that another Representative Chew, of Thirphia, has introduced a bill in house which would bring out "stay at home" citizens on o'n day. It provides that every qual

voter shall vote at all primary a lif av eral elections or he subject to a first of \$5 or ten days' imprisonment. Elek on which primary elas a legal holiiday. The bill was referred

to the election commit on probable it will be clause declaring nominating day a hol-iday will be stricken out and the power of collecting fines will likely to see in the hands of magistrates and jus tices of the pence instead of the inst courts, as under the bill at pro-Congressman Green, of the Da Lehigh district, appeared inform house committee on congregations a portionment and spoke in favor making Berks and Lebanon one con

gressional district. The committee decided upon next Thursday as the d for final hearing of all who wish to make recommendations regarding congressional apportionment. The Haworth bill creating a separate county of Luzerne county, with dis

ported adversity to the hi the second new county bill ista this session by Mr. Hawari, a zerne, and negatived by the committee on counties and towns' many Jones and Stroh employees' Holes alls have been reported from the prodictary committee favorably

### Lost Creek Ohltunry Style,

At S:15 o'clock Wednesday night the annottal spirit of Si Hawkins escaped from its prison of flesh and soured that great construction velocit "The Un-known," and the vacant body was hild to rest on the hillside on Thursday, Parson Gray doing the bonors at the entombment.

to eat of all earth's wholesome products. His appetites are arranged in such pro-portion as shall impel him to cultivate the earth scientifically.

The great Fourier suggests that man's painte analyzed will be found a perfect map of the world under proper cultiva-

But while man, unlike the inferior animals, is destined to great gastronomic variety he is not intended to eat every thing at once. Temperance, moderation, the self con-

trol essential to true appreciation-those are the things which he should cultivate. For that reason, as a humble instru-nent of the cosmic scheme, we scold the fat lady, beg all to mingle great variety with intellectual self control and shame fat friends into thinness .- New York Journal.

#### A CRABAPPLE PIPE.

#### Not of the Wood, but of the Fruit Itself.

"Did you ever hear of a crabapple plpe?" said a New Orleans man who is piper, said a New Orleans man who is an ardent lover of Lady Nicotine and who possesses a collection of smoker's tools that runs all the way from a black "culdy" of Fingal to a huge porcelain furnace that has seen service at Heidel-Innace that has seen service at Heidel-berg. "Yes, I mean exactly what I say," he continued, "a crabapple pipe! You never heard of such a thing? Well, no more did I until I paid a visit to an old uncle of mine who has a farm on the Mis-souri side of the river a little above Cairo. Cairo, "The old man is a great smoker him-

The old man is a great smoker min-self, and while he doesn't put on any particular style he is about as good a judge of the weed as you would care to run across. His favorite mixture is a combination of light golden leaf with just enough plug cut to give it a body, and the pipe he likes best is an old fashioned clay wi on a long reed stem.

"On the afternoon of my arrival he took me out to the extreme end of his farm to show me some fancy stock, and fairs to show me some rancy stock, and while climbing over a fence the bowl of his pipe came off, and, of course, hit the only stone in the whole field and was broken into a thousand pieces. I was distressed, because I knew how much my uncle enjoyed his smoke, and suggested that we return to the house for a new bowl. Ob, that isn't necessary,' he replied. 'I'll fix up one in a minute right here.'

"Several early crabapple trees were standing near by, heavily inden with fruit. To my amazement the old man pulled down a limb, selected an extra large, perfectly sound apple and pro ceeded to scoop out the cure with his knife, leaving a cup shaped cavity in the

Enife, leaving a cup shaped cavity in the top. Then he pushed the reed stran through the side, cleaned it out with a straw, londed the machine from his to-bacco pouch and in a moment more was pulling away as happy as a king.

"The apple was of the yellow variety, hard and about the size of a large egg burning of the tobucco, nor did it, as far burning of the tobucco, nor did it, as far as 1 was able to discover, impart any petaste to the smoke. My unch laughed heartily at my surprise and assured me that crahapple pies were fre quently indulged in by all old timers in the Missouri valley region. I tried one myself that night and found it riptop,"-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

his California friends that he will go to the Pacific coast this spring. He ex-April or early in May, Vice President Roosevelt had a half

hour's talk with the president yester-day, but nothing was disclosed as to its Knowing that if able to avoid this in-terview until his master's wrath had abuted he would come off with only a nature. The vice president will leave Washington for Oyster Bay some time this week, II's summer plans, while not complete, contemplate a quiet sum-mer at. Oyster Bay. He will not acfew mildwords of censure, the man kept out of his way. A few days afterward, however, when the storm was quite over, master and man came face to face in one of the hot-

outpuny the president on his trip to the Pacific coast.

Several prominent leaders in both branches of congress called upon the president to pay their respects before departing for house.

"Why have you avoided me in so point-ed a manuer of late, Johnson?" To which the gardener wittily replied: A delegation of Christian Endeavorers from New Haven, Conn., who are visit-"Now, I'll put it to you as a man, sir-would you, if you could help it, stand in front of a canon to be blown up?"-Pearing here, were received by the president to the cubinet room. son's Weekly.

#### Mard Structle to Earn a Living ELMIRA, N Y., March 12,-Mrs. J

A well to do Pittsburger has a brother who plays the black sheep part in the A. Jenkins, widow of the first privatsecretary of the late President Abraham family. A common thing for him to do in to leave home without a word and be Lincola, was given lodging at polis beadquarters nere Saturday night. Mrs. missing for weeks at a time. He stays missing until he has no more money. The last time he left home he went to Wheel-Jenkins left this city yesterday for Irormellsville. She is on her way to ing. He was gone about two weeks be-fore a letter came with the usual re-Springfield, fils, her former Overseer of the Poor Daniel Mackey quest to telegraph money at once. When it came, it read: furnished Mrs. Jonkins with a ticket to Hornellsville, Mrs. Jenkins arrives & this city into Saturday afternoon and Dear Brother-For God's sake and for the sake of our dear, dead parents send me some monay a once by telegraph. I am starving. Address care of Blank's bakery. told her story. Mrs. Jenkins sold that she left Washington several days ago. Her story is out of a hard struggle to The brother sent this reply:

The Making of a Musical Comedy. tiact to straig then the Mohawk river "But why do you call the hero of your musical comedy 'Azof Yore?" n this city was awarded to the T. H. Riddle Construction company of Pala-tine Bridge at \$130,937, the lowest bid. "Well, you know that in every perfect

musical comedy there must be at least one joke. You can have all the music The contract will be void unless the mayor and common council authorizes you want, but you need only one joke The andience looks for it." "Well?" the issuing of bombs.

TROY, N. V., March 12,-Mrs. Cathlove me as of yore? they get the joke. See? Azof Yore. Clever, isn't it?"-Cleveland Plain Dealer. erine Bissikummer of 305 Mudison ave iose, Albany, dropped dead in this city last evening. Heart failure was the cause. A son, Charles H., is treasurer of the Albany Trust company.

A lady of literary fame once requested Dr. Reid, the celebrated medical writer, to call at her house. "Be sure you recol-lect the address," she said as she quitted the room, "No. 1 Chesterfield street." "Madam," said the doctor, "I am too LONDON, March 8 .- According to a ispatch to The Daily Express from Odearn, a pilgrim steamer was caught in great an admirer of politeness not to re-member Chesterfield and, I fear, too selfa storm in the Black sen and 72 pilgrim were washed overboard and drowned. ish ever to forget number one."

cornet last evening, but to save me I couldn't get the right pitch on it. Bratte-Couldn't you get the window open?

beginning "Whan that sprite," etc., has been the classic model for so many poets who spell worse than Chaucer that it onekt to be expurgated,

Avoided the Explosion. A worthy Yerkshire canon, who had

houses, and the canon asked:

Starving In a Bakery.

"Well, when the heroine asks, 'Do you

Sure to Remember.

MAGIC.

Sporting Life, 498 Dando Bidg, Phila been greatly displeased by an act of dis-obschence perpetrated by one of his gar-DR. AUGUST MORCE deners, sought an interview with the of fender in order to reprimand him.

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ents a living. Dear Jim-Ask Blank for a hun. PATRICIO. -Pittsburg Times. T) traighten Mohaw's Riv-UTICA, N. Y., March 12 .- The con-