A Sad Condition.

There is considerable indignation among friends of the various lunatic hospitals under State control because these institutions have not been, as they think, properly cared for by the present Legislature. One of the trustees of the Danville Lunatic Hospital, in conversation with Gossip said that that institution is overcrowded to an alarming extent. Four hundred inmates are now compelled to sleep on small cots in the corridors. This overcrowding has not been confined to the last few months or the last two years. Four years ago attention was called to the overcrowding and the Legislature voted an appropriation of \$130,000 for an annex. Before the annex could be built the State Board of Charities demanded to see the plans that it might pass upon and either approve or disapprove them. The plans were sent to the State Board of Charities and, for some reason that nobody can exexplain, they were never returned to the hospital trustees. As a consequence the two years during York merchants and others. which the appropriation could be used passed by and the \$130,000 appropriation by a decision of the Attorney General lapse into the treasury. This year the Legislature has given the Danville Hospital nothing. The trustees have tried to relieve the overcrowded condition by returning to certain counties their indigent insane, but in some places they met with much opposition. When they announced their intention of returning fifty insane paupers to Luzerne county, the Luzerne authorities declared reported almost daily. that they would not receive them, and would turn them loose in the street if sent to that county. It will be remembered that some years ago the State Board of Charities with a "drag net" went all over the State and scooped all of the indigent insane under county charge, placing them in State institutions.

Last fall the republican press fore told that a change of administration with friends in this place. would mean a change of policy on the tariff and on financial questions-Such a change it was argued could until the season is over. Willie not well lead to any desirable result. G--- saw her off with tears in his The Cleveland regime has been in eyes. operation just three months. No business man needs to be reminded conductor on the W. & N. B. R. R., that the Republican forecasts have was out calling on friends Sunday. been all too thoroughly fulfilled. Herman says a country walk is a The Cleveland "object lesson" is good apetizer and for that reason clear and emphatic but hardly satis- changed his place of abode. factory.

after it is once told. Tell your evening. All enjoyed themselves friend a secret in the morning and until a big slugger from near Laif you enjoy the confidence of a porte, came down and welted the number of people, it is safe to say floor with calks in his boots. Then that before night someone of those a little argument rose as to who was friends will confide to you what the best man. A lad from this secyou supposed was your own and tion, led him out in the yard and your friends secret. Your friend used a little moral chastisement on tells a friend and tells him not to the wild man of the woods; when tell, but he cannot keep it and tells things quieted down and the dance a friend and his friend tells a friend went on and all had a pleasant time. of yours and in turn tells you.

ner the word indicates. "Now, anything, was asked? Well we children, tell me how I walked." should smile, they had cut a pole children, tell me how I walked."

mean that he has been temporarily fired. In the case of Dr. Briggs, therefore we have a man fired temporarily for suggesting a tempor ary fire. The majority of the general assembly at Washington seem to have concluded that the punishment fit the crime.

tendance will not come to the show without special effort they will attempt to induce it to come, and accordingly, the excursion business ill be begun immediately and every effort made to draw crowds. This is a very sensible conclusion.

Featherstone-Peter, is your sister in? Peter-Yes. She's trying on a new gown, and I guess you can't see her before to-morrow. Featherstone-Why it ought not to take her very long to try on a new gown. Peter-No, but the dressmaker is trying to collect the money for it .-Church Review.

DR. BRIGGS SUSPENDED. He is Cheerful Under the Circum

NEW YORK, June 1 .- The Rev. Charles Augustus Briggs, D. D., returned from Washington to-night and reached his home at 10 o'clock. When he was seen a few minutes later Professor Briggs looked unusually well and cheerful, as if he did not have a care in the world.

"Yes," said the professor, "I have learned of the sentence against me, although I left Washington early in the afternoon, but I deem it best not to talk of the matter at pres-

"Do you still occupy the Edward Robinson chair of Biblical theology in the seminary?"

"Most certainly I do. Is there anything in the terms of the endowment of that chair or in the rules of the seminary which requires that this professorship must be held by a minister of the Presbyterian church? Not at all."

Has the decision of the general assembly in suspending you from the ministry made any change with your relations with Union semin-

"None whatever. The general assembly never contributed a dollar to the Union seminary. The seminary is supported almost wholly by New

It was learned from others con nected with Union seminary this evening that Professor Briggs would go right on just as if nothing had happened and will be sustained in his act by the board of directors and the members of the faculty of the institution.

A special session of Congress will be held convening about the 15th of September. It is to be hoped that this body will do something to check the numerous financial failures

Jinks-"When burglars were in your house the other night, did Mrs. Filkins look under the bed for the man?" Filkins-"Yes; and found one, too." Jinks—"One of the burglars?" Filkins—"No, me!"

NORDMONT ITEMS.

Casady Edkin, one of the train hands and Mrs. E- spent Sunday

Anna Rhone left last Saturday for the 'Mere, where she will stay

Mr. Knipe the genial and pleasant

Peterman Brothers gave a select A secrect ceases to be a secret hop at their Hotel, on last Saturday

Last Friday evening M. W. Botsford and James Dininger filled their A schoolmaster in a board school was endeavoring to make clear to his young pupils' minds the meaning of the word "slowly." He walked across the room in the man-One little fellow who sat near the front of the room almost paralyzed him by blurting out: "Bow-legged." it contained fish, too, and as fine a Usually when we hear of a man but Milt declares that the finest one being suspended we interpret it to got away. It was three feet, four mean that he has been temporarily inches in length and would tip the beam at 18 or 20 pounds, and was 22 inches between the eyes.

K. L. T.

ESTELLA ITEMS. Sheep shearing is nearly over around here. Little Bill is the

The managers of the World's Fair have at last decided that if the at-City, this week.

H. W. Osler and Albert Kaye are making a business trip to Jamison

Picnicing at the Falls, is getting

to be quite popular. It is a delight ful place to spend a day. Mrs. J. E. Brown and Mrs. W. T. More starts for Jamison City on Friday, on a visit to E. T. Brown's.

The farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather. Most of them in this section have their planting

Our roadmaster, Fred Rosback has a crew of men at work on the road, which needed it very badly after the heavy rain of the last two months.

Estella is to have a grand celebra-tion on the Fourth of July. All wanting a right down good time should come to Estella. The barbe-Edwin Booth the world renown actor, died at an early hour Wednes
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Again; for the

Again; for the acorn to unfold

and perpetuate itself on its present line depends on an interrelatedness; it must have the conditions of soil, moisture and above all, the quickening of the sun's ray, without this its evolution is impossible; therefore, we see that involution and evolution stand to each other in the order of cause and effect "what a man soweth that he shall reap," and when we see the children's teeth "set on edge," we may know that the parents have been "eating sour grapes." That which is being evolved in the life of the people today is, in a large measure, the ideals, of the progeniturs, and so, in like measure, the thoughts we are thinking, the ideas we are inspiring, become the germs of future unfoldbecome the germs of future unfold-ing. We have very much to be hopeful of in this age, because of the many good thoughts and grand ideals, of ancient as well as modern times, that are coming to their ultimation in this generation, for there are periods of culmination in the history of the race when, as it were, a few days of spring sunshine changes the whole face of nature. The lower limbs are clothed with verdure and bloom, while the entire

It gives a brilliant light.

It will not smoke to atmosphere is rich with fragrance and life. But ere the germ of the leaf could unfold, or the flower dispense its fragrance, it had to drink in the warmth and sunshine. It was the involved sunbeam that made the evolution of the leaf and flower a certainty. Therefore, when we talk about evolution, let us not overlookits complimentary principle, involution, which is an ever-flowing force of Divine presence.

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