

TALMAGE SAYS "a good newspaper is the grandest temporal blessing that God has given the people of this century."

THE vulgar display of the gifts, described at the Royal Wedding, "as a spacious curiosity shop," proves how near royalty and vulgar shoddy are together.

THE example of the Soldiers' Orphan School syndicate ought not to be without profit both to this generation and all coming generations.

MR. GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND is writing from France a series of letters to prove that Lafayette was a poor, miserable, dawdling failure, who is a hero nowhere save in America, and yet unprejudiced men who read history intelligently concede that this same Lafayette was the most remarkable man, all things considered, that the world ever saw.

AN ANARCHIST.

How made? It is the easiest thing in the world to become an Anarchist. While the motto of all genuine Anarchists is, no civil law, but lots of what they call natural law, yet principles count for little in their creed.

THE WICKED TRUSTS.

They are becoming so numerous and so pernicious, that the people are asking for some law to suppress them. We have had them controlling nearly all articles of commerce, impoverishing the poor and enriching the wealthy—in other words, robbing the poor to add to the coffers of the rich.

As Legislative enactments seem to be powerless in suppressing the evil, some think Congress ought to be called upon to try its hand in framing and passing a law. The desired end might possibly be reached by National legislation.

Under the head of "Conspiracies," it reads: "If any butchers, brewers, bakers, poulterers, * * shall conspire, covenant, make promise, or oath not to sell their victuals but at certain prices; or artificers, workmen or laborers conspire, covenant or promise that they will not do their work but at certain hours, and at certain prices, or shall not take on them to finish what another hath begun, or shall do but a certain work in a day; such person upon conviction shall forfeit ten pounds," etc.

How would that do with changes to suit, to suppress combinations of rich men who speculate upon the necessities of life?

WILL HE ACQUIT HIMSELF?

Will Senator Manderson take the Philadelphia Times' advice and acquit himself of the affront to his honor as a soldier and his integrity as a Senator. Mr. Charles F. Manderson has been a Senator of the United States for over six years, and besides his senatorial salary has been for many years drawing a pension of \$15 per month, has had his pension increased through a "slip call" of Corporal Tanner to \$30 per month, with \$4,000 arrearages.

"The people of Philadelphia, the city of your birth, as well as the people of Nebraska, the State of your adoption, will wait with solicitude for your act on in this crucial test of your public and private integrity. What is your answer? Your self-acquittal of this grave imputation upon your personal and official honor will be gratefully received and acknowledged by, as ever, your friend."

GLAD TO KNOW IT.

We have no words to express our high gratification over a bit of news that came from Deer Park the other day. Believing in the plebeian idea of American Democracy, we have been pained to hear persons say that a base ball pitcher owing to his well merited distinction among the great, grand and noble of earth, resisted all attempts to put him on an equality with any of the other notable characters of earth.

Now we are more than happy in learning through the public press, that he did condescend to hold a brief conversation with the President of the United States, at Deer Park, on last Tuesday afternoon. Which one of him it was we have not learned, but that don't matter, as it is enough for us to know that it was one of him. Dispatches to the leading dailies say that "the pitcher was not in the least haughty, but was duly considerate, attentive and polite."

Let the journalistic world make careful note of this encouraging fact. It demonstrates that the autocratic ideas of Venice, and the exclusive principles of London, and the upper-crust notions of New York are not to dominate in base ball circles any longer. Just think of it! what we fondly hoped for, but hardly dared to believe would ever take place, a base ball pitcher impliedly saying, by consenting to talk with the President, that he could be approached by a fellow-being. Well, well, wonders will never cease.

RATHER DULL.

Whether attributable to local disasters that have followed one another in such quick succession in this and other countries during the past few months, or the absence of important State elections, one thing is certain there is very little interest manifested in politics this summer. In our own State the nomination of candidates for Treasurer has scarcely caused a ripple on the public waters as yet.

Out in Ohio the only issue the Republicans will have will be Foraker, and just what he represents outside of his self-assumed importance it would be difficult to guess. With the large faction in his own party against him, it ought to be a walk over for any passably popular Democrat. Our forecast of the Ohio campaign is one that foreshadows Democratic success both in the gubernatorial and legislative contest.

With a Democratic Legislature, insuring a Democratic United States Senator, and a Democratic Governor, Ohio will take its place in the list of reconstructed and reclaimed States. Our outlook forebodes Republican defeat in 1892. The widespread dissatisfaction with the Harrison Administration, in all sections of the country, augurs favorably for replacing him with a Democrat of the true Jeffersonian type at our next quadrennial election. In a word, the sky is bright, and unless all signs fail the Government will be administered on economic and constitutional principles after Harrison steps down and out, which will be at the expiration of his one term.

NOT THE FACTS.

Our Critics Should not Bear False Witness.

We regret to note a disposition on the part of some people from abroad to magnify all our little irregularities—irregularities growing out of our somewhat chaotic state of affairs. Instead of discriminating between citizens and strangers, all disorderly conduct is attributed to Johnstown people, which is not only inexcusable, but does great injustice to our moral and lawabiding citizens.

Knowing how difficult the task is to control the bad elements in any one of the cities, no reflecting person should be surprised that the aggregation of thieves from so many different and distant points should cause trouble in Johnstown, or even in any place not confronted with the herculean work of bringing order out of the confusion of a terrible disaster.

But unfortunately for the human race, there are too many good people who revel in the work of passing by all that is worthy of praise and gloating over the work of finding defects and imperfections on which to exercise their magnifying tendencies. Under the garb of reformers and model exemplars of morality, their mission seems to be that of scavengers of filth.

We submit that our condition is sufficiently hard to endure, without the gratuitous and unfounded charge of being a lawless and drunken set of idlers. We have always thought good people ought to possess a little of that grace, which a conspicuous Biblical writer says is the greatest of all the graces. It is a grace that would add greatly to the qualities of some of our thoughtless and ungracious critics. "It," says the same writer, "suffereth long, and is kind; vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; doeth not behave itself unseemly; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

A Story of the Flood.

As is well known, Christian H. Miesel was a victim of the Johnstown disaster. He was the manager of the Mansfield, O., base ball team, and had left that place for the purpose of visiting his family at Newark, N. J. He was positively known to have been a passenger on the unfortunate express which was destroyed. His body was not recovered for some days, and was buried under the belief that it was a man of the name of Mansfield. The story from that time on is romantic. Mrs. Miesel lately wrote to a relative at Hartford, acknowledging the receipt of \$100, which was contributed to her out of the proceeds of a festival given jointly by the Governor's Foot Guard and Colt's band of that city. Miesel was manager of a Hartford ball team in the latter part of 1883 and the whole of 1884. The team of 1883 went to Hartford from Newark, and was composed of many players who have since won considerable notoriety. The team included Dave Orr, Gilbert Hatfield (now of the New Yorks), "Tip" O'Neill, Grace Pierce, Jones (now of Worcester), Frank "Toney" Murphy, Edward Cramer, Creden (of the New York police force), Corcoran (brother of Larry Corcoran), and Dolan. This team played exhibition games, and walloped nearly every team in that section. The next year Hartford had a Connecticut State League team, which Chris also managed. During the time he was at Hartford Miesel and Hatfield ran a small cigar store, which Chris managed, but Hatfield was there but little, being engaged on the ball field.

This business venture was not successful, and Chris went into base ball again elsewhere. He was a competent scorer, and his score book was a model of neatness. He often conferred favors on the writer by furnishing scores for the press. His love for his little girl (he had but one child then) was something touching. He once told the writer, and he cried at the time, how she had suffered when sick, and how gladly he would have been sick in her place, as he was able to bear it and she was not.

Chris was lost in the flood. The facts furnished by his wife are: He had left a car for some baggage and was swept down stream, and buried under the name of "Mansfield." There probably being some papers on his person directed to Mansfield, O. Some of his Jersey friends who went to Johnstown to identify him were satisfied that a mistake had occurred, and induced the local authorities to send to the Mayor of Jersey City a ring taken from the body of "Mansfield." This ring had initials on it other than Miesel's, and so the body was regarded as not his. The following day, however, Mrs. Miesel received a letter from a friend of her husband, telling her that he had lent money to a young man in Oil City, taking a ring as security. This young man was found at Danville, N. Y., and his name corresponded to the initials of the ring. In this singular manner the body was identified beyond question as that of the unfortunate Chris Miesel.

IMPOSSIBLE TO AVERT IT.

That Will be the South Fork Line of Defense in That Suit.

Attorney J. H. Reed, of Pittsburgh, Saturday stated the line of defense which the South Fork Fishing Club intend to pursue in the forthcoming Little suit. They will plead that the flood was an extraordinary event, entirely unforeseen by the club, and that the breaking of the dam was not the cause of the flood, but merely an accident to it. The dam was quite strong enough to stand a great pressure; but the volume of water which destroyed it was something no one could have been possibly prepared for.

"Wiseacres are of course to be found," he says, "who cry, 'I told you so;' but the fact is they never told anybody. The dam was always held to be perfectly safe. I don't think the other side can prosecute each individual member of the club. The dam was common property, and if any one man was responsible for its bursting, the whole corporation was equally responsible."

Mr. Reed wound up by saying he could not imagine how the other side expected anything but defeat.

Is Ice Water a Healthy Drink?

In the opinion of the editor of the Sanitary Volunteer, the official organ of the New Hampshire Board of Health, there is a great deal of sentiment and many opinions regarding the use of ice water that vanish when the light of reason and experience is turned upon them. The fact is that ice water, drank slowly and in moderate quantities, constitutes a healthful and invigorating drink. There is no doubt that ice is a great sanitary agent, and every family ought to be provided with it during the warmer months of the year. It is true that the inordinate use of ice water, or its use under some special conditions or circumstances, is attended with great danger; so is the improper use of any other drink or food. The assumption that ice water is dangerous, and that iced tea or iced coffee or iced lemonade is a harmless substitute, is simply a delusion. As the source of danger feared by some is the degree of cold, we fall to see clearly how flavor modifies the effect of temperature. There are individuals, undoubtedly, who cannot drink ice water without injury, and who ought never to use it, but to a great majority of persons it is refreshing and healthful. Its use, temperate and discreet, is in no way to be condemned, which cannot be said of some of its substitutes.—The Sanitary News.

Getting on Faster.

According to Governor Beaver, everything is all right at Johnstown, and has been all along. Meanwhile Treasurer Thompson took hold yesterday and, with less hired help and less red tape, shoveled out the money to the beneficiaries just twice as rapidly as Judge Cummin had been doing.

Governor Beaver is an optimist of the superlative degree. It would be unjust not to give him full credit for meaning well in whatever he undertakes. Probably no one means better. But he is possessed of the idea that once he has settled on a plan, it is the only right plan, and that what he doesn't happen to include in his first view don't exist.

In short, he is a man not easy to lead and about impossible to drive; and the members of the Pittsburgh Relief Committee who have been tugging at the halter need not feel surprised that while they were getting His Excellency a few steps nearer speedy distribution, he still seemed by his speeches Wednesday to be heading in the same old direction of delay, impossibility to go faster, etc.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

A Decision of Interest.

At the last session of the Legislature a bill was passed appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the soldiers to and from Gettysburg on the occasion of the dedication of the monuments, September 11th and 12th. A doubt existed as to who would come under the provisions of this act, and Attorney General Kirkpatrick was called upon to decide the matter. He has decided that to be entitled to transportation the soldier's name must have been on the roll, not only prior to but at the time of battle. The requirements are that he must have been honorably discharged; that he must have been a resident of Pennsylvania at the date of the passage of this act and that his organization must have participated in the battle.

Marriage Licenses Granted Since Our Last Report.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Wednesday, July 31, 1880: John H. Stork.....Johnstown (Boston Gaucher).....Johnstown (Herman O'Neill).....Monster twp (Ida McCarthy).....Washington twp (John Pihla).....Hastings (Annie Noel).....Hastings (John Allen).....Lilly (Mary Jane Boylan).....Summit (John Bopp).....Croyle twp (Theresa Weiss).....Johnstown (Wilbert Murdoch).....Johnstown (Margaretta Schwing).....Johnstown (Samuel Brown).....Johnstown (Ida Bush).....Johnstown (Cornelius Gallagher).....Prospect (Mary Hanlin).....Prospect (Calvin Beam).....Johnstown (Caroline Musher).....Johnstown (Andrew Harkins).....South Fork (Agnes Smith).....Ehrenfeld (George Duman).....Richland twp (Ada Hoisopple).....Richland twp

Miners to Resume Work.

The coal miners at Portage and Benscreek, who have been out on a strike for some days, will resume work this morning. The terms upon which they go in, again have not been learned, but it is safe to say there is rejoicing in the miners' families whether they gained the day or not.

A DELIGHTFUL SUMMER TRIP.

A Suggestion to Those Contemplating a Trip Away From Home.

While many of the readers of the DEMOCRAT have already absented themselves from their usual haunts and are probably now sporting in Old Ocean, at one of the many fashionable seacoast resorts, or enjoying themselves in some other way in which they are better pleased, their are many who have yet to make their summer trip, and it is those that we wish to suggest one of the grandest, and most pleasure giving summer trips to be had, and one in which a comparatively small outlay of money is required. We refer to the excursion which leaves Union Station, Pittsburgh, Tuesday next, August 6th, over the Allegheny Valley Railroad, acknowledged to traverse some of the most picturesque scenery in America to-day; to Alexandria Bay and the Thousand Islands, by way of the great Niagara Falls. The route will be first to Lake Chautauqua, thence along the shore of Lake Erie, through Buffalo to the great Falls of Niagara. Parties going beyond this point will have an opportunity to view the Niagara River to Lewiston, where the palace steamer will be waiting to take them across Lake Ontario to the queen city of Canada, Toronto. Passengers for Alexandria Bay and Thousand Islands will take the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad at Niagara Falls, N. Y. The scenery of the entire route is picturesque; the line from Pittsburgh to Oil City being along the winding banks of the Allegheny River, the views being equal if not superior to any river scenery in the world. The following very low rates have been fixed by the Valley Road for this excursion: To Lake Chautauqua and return, \$5.00; Niagara Falls and return, \$7.00; Toronto, Canada, and return, \$8.00; Alexandria Bay and Thousand Islands and return, \$12.00. Tickets will be good fifteen days returning, which will permit those wishing to visit the Chautauqua Assembly, which will be in session, as well as be the Chautauqua School of Languages. If you do not go further than Chautauqua, and spend a week there we advise you by all means to take advantage of this grand opportunity to view the beautiful scenery along the picturesque Allegheny river. The train carrying the excursionists consisting of East Lake coaches and Pullman Parlor Buffet cars, will leave Union station, Pittsburgh, at 8:45 A. M., eastern standard time, Tuesday, August 6th.

Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland and Mosham, Indianapolis News.

There is talk in Ohio of nominating Tom Johnson to run against Foraker. Indianapolis would watch such a contest with keen interest. Tom Johnson once owned the street car system of this city. He took it when it was what the late William Allen declared specie payments to be: "A d—n barren idleness." It is understood that he paid \$300,000 for it. He sold it ten or a dozen years afterward for \$1,100,000. He invented the farebox used in nearly all of the conductorless, bob-tail street cars of the country. His royalty from this was and is many thousands of dollars a year. He invented the improved street car rail by which an iron stringer was made for the flat top, and all cast in one piece so that the whole is laid as a steam railway is on cross ties. The old style was wooden stringers first laid and the flat rail spiked on top of them. Tom Johnson has remarkable business prescience, can overcome opposition and "make his point" with that almost inevitable quality which characterizes genius. He has, yet in early middle life, already accumulated a vast fortune. His last turn after leaving here and since he walked into Cleveland against the opposition of the street car companies and took streets from right under their nose, is to become Henry Georgeite. The Chicago News puts it. He has endeared himself to the working classes by an enlightened radicalism which offers no apology to the fetich of high taxes. He slapped that fetich in the face last fall and came within a few hundred votes of carrying what had been an ultra protection congressional district time out of mind, losing the election only by a scratch in the remote country precincts, after a fight in which the Standard Oil Company and the protectionists of high and low degree spent money lavishly to secure his defeat.

In personal appearance he is William Penn, according to the pictures of that gentleman. Were he to wear long hair a photograph of him in costume like Penn's would be a twin picture. As it is, with his soft, short, brown hair, clinched on his head as it were, by numberless little curly curls; his fat, round, smooth face with its dimpled cheek and chin; little bow-like mouth, with a perpetual laughing expression and bright blue eye, he looks comically like an over-grown cupid. If the Democrats should nominate him there would be a pliancy and life in the coming campaign, rare even for Ohio. The amount of hustling that Tom Johnson would make the other fellows do would be edifying to see. But he won't be nominated. The machine is fixed for Campbell.

Will Tariff Organs Explain.

Will the tariff organs please explain things? As great manufactories are shutting down, a thing which they predicted would be the event if the Mills' tariff bill passed and had Cleveland been re-elected. The Mills bill did not pass and Cleveland was not re-elected, and the factories are shutting down. Now, why do the manufacturers shut down, when the tariff was saved and Harrison was elected? Will the tariff organs please explain?

BEAVER'S COMMISSION

THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL'S ASSUMPTION AND ARROGANCE.

A Daniel Come to Judgment! Yes, a Daniel—The Lord Did Not Build the Destructive Dam—Providence Not Responsible for the Bad Engineering.

Just what interest the Pittsburgh Commercial has in Johnstown matters it would be difficult to see—we mean the kind of interest it has. It is about the only newspaper in Pennsylvania, or for that matter in any other State, that has continuously and persistently defended Governor Beaver and his Commission in all they have done, or rather for what they have not done. While as we have previously said we are disposed to forget past troubles growing out of possible misunderstandings which led us to say "all's well that ends well," we have yet to be convinced that Wednesday's meeting of the Commission (at which two Johnstown men in addition to what is called our Finance Committee were present by mere accident), was such an overwhelming vindication of the Governor and his Commission, as the editorial in Friday's Commercial claims.

If "the era of good feeling has been reached in Johnstown," as per said paper, our people will be both astonished and glad to know it. The "full and frank talk between members of the State Commission and representative citizens" is good. Very good in the light of the fact that our representative citizens—business men and property holders—were not invited to be present, and have so said privately and publicly.

But the coolest piece of newspaper arrogance we have ever read is the assumption that Governor Beaver's plans were opposed only by the people of no consequence, and "that much of the distrust was created by bad newspaper advice, not unmixed with personal spleen towards Governor Beaver, because he sternly refused to be led by the nose by a few callow editors who imagined themselves bigger men than the Governor." Well may it be asked, "Now, in the names of all the gods at once, upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed, that he is grown so great?" as "he doth bestride the narrow world, like a Colossus." The editor of the Commercial knows it all.

His knowledge is past finding out for he has discovered, just as he always believed, that it would have been a great mistake to have made the citizens of the stricken town the custodians and disbursers of the funds contributed for their relief. True, he does not say that many Johnstowners believe this, but his faith faileth not, for he adds a most wonderful bit of news to be verified hereafter. "The more intelligent of them (Johnstowners) will, ere long, if indeed, they do not already, fully appreciate the force and value of this suggestion." And, finally, we have the assurance that "time is vindicating the wisdom" of the Commission's course. We wish the editor, who assumes to know how our representative citizens feel upon the subject, would come up and interview a few of them. If his eyes would not open wider than they have ever done in discovering truth, we will agree to pay the expenses of his trip.

As a further illustration of the feeling of the Commercial, on Johnstown matters, its editorial in Thursday's paper is appropos. The leading article in that issue, under the head of "The Turning Point," discusses the question of the South Fork Hunting and Fishing Club's responsibility for our disaster, in which it intimates that the responsibility rests upon Providence. It very ungenerously draws a line between the moral and legal aspect of the case by saying that so far as moral responsibility is concerned "each one is left to make up such judgment as to him may seem just and reasonable;" but with reference to the legal question, quotes approvingly from a Maryland newspaper the statement, that "the law does not expect any one to provide against Providential visitations." In thus relieving the South Fork Hunting and Fishing Club of all responsibility by charging it upon God, one is reminded of the whereas and resolutions upon the deaths of people who killed themselves by over-eating and drinking. Societies to which they belonged usually declare, "Whereas, Almighty God in His wise providence," etc. The Commercial might formulate a similar whereas, and definitely fix the responsibility of the dam disaster, and thus save litigants, courts, lawyers and juries a deal of trouble.

But as the Lord didn't build the destructive dam, and evidently had very little agency in engineering it, it will require several more Commercial editorials to convince a jury that Providence is responsible for the damage resulting from its breaking.

After a Runaway. Braddock Daily News, Saturday.

Detective George Gibson left this afternoon for Johnstown, with a half a dozen warrants in his possession, for the arrest of parties there. They were sworn out before Squire Edward and comprise numerous charges. He will also make an effort to bring back a young man from Braddock, who ran away from his home here about a week ago, and whose parents are very anxious about him. It is said the boy is working in Johnstown.

Emphatically Denied.

A prominent member of the local Finance Committee emphatically denies that it was due to the dictation of the local committee and not to the State Commission, that the community were led to believe that they were not welcome at the meeting of the State Commission.