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so i snoot it at a venture. This year and in final die." In view of this, I advise that you have your temporal mattars adjusted. Do not kin reave your wordly affairs at the mercy of annistrators. Have your receipts prop-erly pasted, and your letters filed, and your books balanced. If you have "trust funda," as et hat they are rightly deposited and ac-counted tor. Let no widow or orphan scratch on your tombstone, "This man the did a sing a competency, sw whose property has, through his own carelessness, atterward been divided be-

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CHICAGO.

An English Writer Says She Can't Main-tain Her Supremacy.

tain Her Supremacy. A generation ago America consisted of the settled Northeastern and Southeastern States and of more or less wild continent behind them. Year by year, however, the popula-tion has been spreading west, and every fresh census has pushed inland the mean line of nonulation. the line tion has been spreading west, and every fresh census has pushed inland the mean line of population—the line on either side of which the popula-tion is equal. The significance of this gradual withdrawal of the mean pop-ulation line from the coast must not be missed. The fact means that the Anglo-Saxons in the United States are becoming what they have never been before in their history, an inland pople. In a very little time, the vast majority of Americans will not only never have seen the sea, but will never have been within a thousand miles of it. The destiny of the Amer-ican people is to become as much a people of great inland plains as the Russians, and this fact will be made clear to the world when travelers leave the ocean at New York and after traveling inland over a thousand miles, find themselves in a city as big as Vienna, and ten times as rich and energetic.

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PENNSYLVANIA NOTES.

A Few Condensations of Events Occur vring Throughout the State-

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At Corry, the large tannery of G. A. Auer, Sr, was burned. Estimated loss, \$2,0,000. George Thompson, of Clarksville, and his wife oelebrated their sixtieth wedding anni-versary Wednesday in the presence of a large number of children, grand-children and other relatives. They are both over 30 years of age Mt. Jewett, McKean county, wants an at-torney and counsellor at law. There is none there, and the Justice has more than he can do, and will aid any attorney proud over it. Pennsylvania has twoire yowns or post offices with very peculiar names, viz.: Stunptown, Bullskin, Shintown, Jugtown Puckerty, Sin, Sis, Scrubgrass, Hers, Man's Choice, Maiden's Choice and Bird in Hand. Wm, H. Dill, has president of the Clearfield

Choice, Maider's Choice and Bird in Frank. Wm. H. Dill, late president of the Clearfield and Houtzdale banks was held in \$3,000 for his appearance at February Quarter Sessions at Houtzdale. Bail was promptly furnished. Fred Demimock, employed at the Gambria Iron Works, Johnstown, was killed by a piece of iron striking him.

Iron Works, Johnstown, was kined by a piece of iron striking hin. A peculiar disease is prevalent in Sharps-rille and vicinity, which some people-pronounce the grip, but which is more worked several deaths have occurred within the past week. Red and watery eyes, sore throat, abing bones and a red and mottled face are the outward and visible signs. Mart Donley, a Perkins detective, was held for court at New Oostie on the charce of striking James Leslie with a hand billy on the night of January 1, 1891. W. A. Lefevre's livery stable at Tyron e was burned. Loss \$2,500, parly insured.

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A tramp was run over by a train at Unit-in and killed. Joseph Meyers, when about to board a train at Greensburg, was robbed of his pocketbook containing about \$300. Charters were issued from the State Department to the Altoona Stort Line Railroad company, which proposes the con-struction of a line 40 miles long, from Everet, Bedford county, to Ore-Hill station, Blair county, with branches to Langdon, Riddleburg and other points. Hon, A. B. Sharpe, a leading lawyer of this State and a prominent Grand Army man, was found dead in his bed in Carliele. His death was caused by heart failure. He was 00 years of age. He leaves a large estate.

estate. Edward Davis, of Mt. Carmel, who for years has been applying for a pension for service rendered in the Mexican War, received information that he would get his money. Overcome by the good news he fell dead.

leading churches on Sunday. A Pole was torn to pieces by a steam shovel while at work on the Allegheny Valley road, near Arnold station. Peter S. Reynolds, of New Castle, has a cow that has a pair of twin calves which at the age of four weeks weighed 200 pounds. Demico Republe, an Italian, was blown to

Bushrod Forthrout, of Bolivar, N. Y., dropped dead at Washington while playing with his grandchild. Judge Doty, at Greensburg, sentenced Geo. S. Wainwright, of Blairsville, the forger, to five years and three months in the peniten-tiary. Henricits Harrison, of Henrichten and

tiary. Henriet's Harrison, of Harrisburg, who claimed to be 105 years old, was burned to death, her clothes catching fire while she lighting her pipe. Herman Stedger was found dead near the P. & L. E. track near New Castle, Sunday, He had evidently fallen into a drunken sleep and frozen to death. A big gasser has been struck near Butler. William Broderick.aged 15 years, shot and killed John Hollister at Shamokin. The boys were shooting at a mark.

Something to Think Of.

Something to Think Of. The Hon. Chauacey M. Depew, in his great speech at the recent New York Chamber of Commerce dinner, said a great many good things which business men should now carefully ponder over. Mr. Depew is generally a good prophet; but he seldom, if ever, has had such an array of facts and figures to sustain him in his calculations as at the present time. We give a few pertinent extracts from his able speech, which we are sure will greatly interest thousands of our read-ers. ers.

ers. "There is to be, within the next twelve months, a famine in this land; but it is to be a famine of the means to carry the vast product of the soil. There is to be a famine of cars, a famine of locomo-tives, a famine of the methods by which this enormous product which the fields of the country have produced may be conveyed to the sea and so go abroad, where it is needed. [Applause.] There are times when a great surplus of pro-duct is thrown upon the market and not consumed, and that is generally a time when there is a general lack of prosperi-ty throughout the country; but this year we have a phenomenal condition of the harvest, usequaled for many a year; of prices greater for our groducts than have been secured for then in the last ten years; of the railways reteiving whole and remunerative rates for what they carry, and having more than they can do, and a demand from the other side of the water, owing to the horrible conditions there, which will take the whole of our surrelux; and it "There is to be, within the next twelve

other side of the water, owing to the horrible conditions there, which will take the whole of our surplus; and it will probably be unequal to the demand. "These conditions are going to make railways more than usually prosperous in their net eatnings; are going to give an unusual business to every house, no matter what the par-ticula article in which it deals; are going to put an amount in the hands of the far-mer such as he has not had in a long time before; are going to lead to the con-

tiona article in which it deals; are going to put an amount in the hands of the far-mer such as he has not had in a long time before; are going to lead to the con-struction of new lines of railway; are going to make a demand for iron, coal and coke; are going to pour back into this country in the next fiscal year twice the surplus of imports of money over the amount we expend abroad. [Applause.] "This banquet is as it was the year of the Presidential election. My friend Mr. Mills says that the way to preserve this prosperity is to have free trade and an income tax to carry on the Govern-ment. My friend Mr. Cleveland says the way to preserve prosperity is to have revenue reform and honest money. My friends of the South and of the West say the way to preserve prosperity is to have feese trade and the unlimited coin-aze or silver." "My friends with whom I am associ-ated say the way to preserve this pros-perity is to have the protective principle applied in such a way that it will pro-tect wherever another mill can be built and another man can be given employ-ment who hasn't it now [cheers], and the reciprocity project so pushed that with every country that has a surplus of the things we cannot profitably produce, and needs the things of the factory or the farm of which we have a surplus of the things we cannot profitably produce, and that parity of silver and gold shall be mintained in such a way that both metals will be used to the utmost ex-tent that the product of our mines shall afford; but that in the Treasury there shall be always enough of both to keep the silver equal to gold." [Prolonged ap-plause.] Southern Industrial Progress.

Southern Industrial Progress.

The current report of industrial pro-gress in the South, which is published weekly by the *Manufacturers' Record*, of Baltimore, contains a long list of enter-prises in which are noted three new iron furnaces in Texas, a projected cotton tie and rolling mill in Texas, iron pipe works in Virginia to employ 400 hands, the organization of a five million dollar the organization of a five million dollar company in London to develop large iron and coal properties in Virginia and Tennessee, a million dollar company's purchase of 8000 acres of West Virginia coal lands and scores of other concerns of small capital whose manufactures are based on iron and steel. It is a wonderful record of the material based on iron and steel. It is a wonderful record of the material progress of the South, and the peculiar feature of it is that it is due largely to protective tariff. None of the enterprises above mentioned could be started or suc-ceed but for protection. It is proposed neyptheless by a Democratic House to pass bills at this session to put iron and coal and cotton ties on the free list. In that event not only these new enterprises, but thousands of similar ones that have sprung up over the South in the last ten years, will be driven to bankruptey. Yet the solid South has sent a solid array of Democratic free trade Congressmen to Washington prepared to do this injury to the progress of their own section. If the industrial wealth in the South has any power in politics if will be heard in the National Capital this winter programme.—The Pres. It is a wonderful record of the material

GRAND ARMY COLUMN:

THE HOSTAGES.

Their Last Days in Prison, and How They Were Exchanged.

In a recent article I promised to give the closing scenes of their confinement and escape of the hostages in Libby, but the sickness of Captain Rockwood has prevented till now. The Captain continues: "Soon after or confinement in the jail, or about New Year's, I was taken sick with what the Surgeon called typhoid pneumo-nia, was carried to a hospital, and remained there till February. On the 19th of Feburary we were informed that the Confederate Secretary of War had issued an order releasing on parole all Federal prisoners in the South. "I think the order must have applied to the prisoners at Richmond only.

"I turns the order must have applied to the prisoners at Richmond only. The information was given by the Commandant of the prison. About Wednesday, the 20th, the hostages were transferred to the Tobacco Ware-

were transferred to the Tobacco Ware-house, where the officers were confin-ed, and on Thursday Iwent back there from hospital, and I heard then that all were to be paroled except the hostages. "All officers that had men in prison were permitted to go to their quarters up-stairs to assist in signing the parole. Friday morning the officers were to sign the parole, and we all fell in line, waiting what might turn up. We ex-pected to be refused, but as they com-menced to call the roll it was in alpa-betical order for the first time. Col. Cogswell, the first in order of the hos-tages, looked up surprised and hope-ful, turned and winked to Col. Lee, which we understood meant to de as I which we understood meant to do as T do, and as his name was called he stepped up and signed the parole, and no one was refused. "Then we were in a dilemma, as the

"Then we were in a dilemma, as the day before we had drawn our weekly hundred dollars. It was in Richmond bank money, and good for nothing in the Federal lines. Col. Wood, who was a man well up in the Orders, took the money, called for the Officer of the duard, and asked for a parole of the city for one hour, and by some means got it. He returned, and soon a dray unloaded four 25-pound bags of Kill-kinick tobacco, which cost §1 a pound. Early in the day the United States Government had furnished the men with new uniforms, and in their kinick tobaco, which cost if a pound. Early in the day the United States Government had furnished the men with new uniforms, and in their delight at having new clothes and were going home were widely generous. A large crowd of negroes collected about the prison to see 'Massa Yankee go home,' and the men began to throw their old clothes out of the windows to them. Old grey headed men, women, and children were wild in running to secure some article flying from the window. The crowd increased and the Officer of the Day went out, rushed into the crowd, and lay about him the flat of his sword; but it was no use, the crowd could not be driven away till the last article of clothing had been secured. "Six o'clock p. m. came, and with it the order to march. `We shouldered blanket, in which was rolled a bag of tobacco, and bid good bye to she old warehouses, and Samuel A. Pancoast, a civilian of Virginia, was left the sole occupant of the huge building. "The boat was small, and we were crewed, standing, and could not lie down. The rain commenced to fall, the night was dark and foggy; we were full of impatience, and as morn-ing broke all were engely looking forward to catch sight of the Federal flag. As the morning advanced the fog lifted, and we soon passed the black hulls of the Confederate steam-res Jamestown and Patrick Henry, and in the distance the Federal flag-of-truce boat sppeared. "We were formally transferred to the United States boat. We steamed

"We were formally transferred to the United States boat. We steamed down the river past the men-of-war Congress and Cumberland, whose rig-oing was filled with sailors, who ging was filled with sailors, who greeted us with hurrahs, which we an-swered till unable to do so any lon-

ger. "Fortress Monroe at last, and many their to pay their "Fortress Monroe at last, and many of the officers went up to pay their respects to General Wool, and as his eyes fell on Colonel Lee, who was a classmate of the General, burst into tears, embraced him, saying, "I did not expect to see you, as it was a blun-der of the Confederate officers in additional tear shear and they telegraphed der of the Confederate officers in paroling you, and they telegraphed the police boat to intercept the flag-of-truce boat and take off the hostages

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nearing for the suc, the pure for the gold lined, the ismocent for the gold the boold the rescue! Decide on this first Sabbath of the year whether or not you will have Jesus. He will not stand forever begging for your love. With some here His ples endsright speedly. "This year thou shalt die." "This great salvation of the Gospel I now offer to every man, woman and child. You cannot buy it. You cannot earn it. A Scotch writer says that a poor woman one cold white's day looked through the win-dow of a king's conservatory and saw a bune of grapes hanging against the glass. She said, "Oh, if I only had that bunch of grapes for my sike thid at home!" At her spinding wheel she earned a few shillings and went to buy the grapes. The king's gardner thrust her out very roughly, and said he had no grapes to sell. She went off and sold a blanket and got some more shil-lings, and came back and tried to buy the grapes. But the grades to be off. The king's daughter was walking in the garden at the sine, and she heard the excitement, and seeing the poor woman, said to ber, "Wy father is not a marchant to sell, but he is a king and gives." Then she reached up and picked the grapes and dropped themin the poor woman's apron. No Christ is a king, and all the fritts of His pardon He firedy gives. They may not be bought. Without money and without pice, take this sweet cluster from the viney ards of God. "I am coming to he oles of my serve. I

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is a king and gives." Then she reached up and plucked the grapes and dropped themin the poor womar's apron. Bo Christ is a king and all the fruits of His pardon Re freely gives. They may not be bought. Without money and without price, take this sweet cluster from the vinayards of God. I am coming to the close of my sermon. I sought for a text appropriate for the occa-siom. I thought of taking one in Job." My days fy as a weaver's suittle?" of a text in Paslms: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wis-dom? of the prayer of the vine dresser: "Lord, let it alone this year, also," but mees Moore all, and above all, were the words: "This year thou shall there of the trans of the and has to the post the transport of the vine dresser: "Lord let it alone this year, also," but makes Moorow can be called great we can recall no great. City of an above all, were the words: "This year thou shall there of the transport of the transport weak to bring down the strongest physical constitution. I do not want to die this year. We have plans and projects on foot that it wand to has a thousand better men than I to do the work yet undone. I have a hoop that, notwithstanding all my sins and wanderings. I shall, through the fin finds merey of my Saviour, come out at the right place. I have a nothing to bray of the sork yet undone. I have a hoop the fore God and the all abounding grace of you, my hearers, I do not want you to be caught mappeared. I would like to have yon, either through money you had lid up word ffeeling that your family need not be come paupers. But if you have done you best and you leave not one dollar's worth of the soft her should look in and asit, "Are you ready." you might, with an outburst of Christian triample, answer, "Aye, ayel all ready."

An island comprised of about fifty acres of rice land has broken loose in a river near Depere, Wis., and is floating down the stream.

Demico Repuio, an Italiai, was bown to atoms by an explosion of powder which had been ignited from a match while he was vearching in a closet for tools. W. H. Dewitt, jeweler, of Wilkesbarre, has failed. Liabilitias, 88,000; assets un-

has failed. Liabilities, 88,000; assets un-known. Fred, son of Editor Moorbead, of the Indiana Progress, was accidentally killed on a hunting expedition near Bay. City, Mich. Fred was the husband of a nice of the late Governor Geary. A horse kicked Sergt. Charles Stuffet of the Star clay works, Mertatown, in the face and knocked him through a door. He may de

die. In a not in a Hungarian saloon at Shen-andoah, Saturday night, sev.ral men were stabbed. One of the injured men is dying, Six arrests have been made. A malignant type of diphtheria is epidem-ic at Fairview, a village near John-town, seven children of Frank and Cooley Degraw having died wikhin a month. Epizootic has stacked many horses and cattle in Lancaster, Berks and Chester counties.

counties. Thomas James was killed in the Otto col-liery, near Minersville, Saturday. Diphtheria prevails to an alarming ex-tent at Atwood. Recently two children of the widow Duff died and another one is dangerously ill. Thomas McCaslin, of Cowanshannock township, lost two children and Wm. A. Fleming one from the same dread scourge.

and wm. A. Fieming one from the same dread scourge. Andrew Fisch, living at Rankin, was arrested Saturday and held for a hearing for putting a bullet into John Zameek's left arm. The latter was in the house and Fisch was shooting at the door as a target. Mollie Richie, of Rochester, had some trouble with her sweetheart on Christmas day, and Saturday committed suidde by poisoning.

Mrs. Genger, a widow of Five Points, near West Middlesex, aged 65, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by hanging herself.

The sacred standard at Constatino-ple is believed to be formed of the nether garment of Mohammed, and a pair of his pyjamas, which are rever-entialy preserved at Lahore, are held by the faithful to have miraculously extinguished a fire at that place no longer ago than 1849.

"The fog had delayed the flag-of-truce boat so long that the police-loat officers thought it had passed, and they returned to their port."--L. W. Baker, in <u>National Tribune</u>.

GRAND ARMY NOTES.

John Vice, an old soldier of Owings-ville, Ky., and for many years blind and destitute, has just been granted a pension of \$72 a month, and received a check for \$13,938 back pay. Vice has also been allowed a pension for a wound, and this, together with the one just now received, makes what is be-lieved to be the largest pension ever paid by the Government to a private soldier, the two aggregating over \$16,000. The Chattanooga Park Commission-

\$16.000. The Chattanooga Park Commission-ers have granted General Wilder's brigade permission to erect a monu-ment to mark its position on the Chickamauga battlefield. The City Troop of Philadelphia re-cently celubrated the one hundred and seventeenth anniversary of its organi-vation by a parade and a banquet.

There are ten main lines of railway centering in London. Of these 2,310 suburban trains run in and out daily, while the main line trains are only about 410. The ten lines carry 400.-000,000 suburban passengers per an-