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THERE certainly can be no significance in the fact that democratic presidential nominees are most talked of.

SAM JONES will try to reform New Orleans. Archimides of old thought he could move the world.

Ir is stated that Secretary Bayard is | had been drawn to the satisfacgoing to be married again. It is useless to say that his intended does not live in Mexico.

A WOOD-CUT picture of the fair lady now being printed, robs the beauty and sentiment from the wonderful lines of Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

WITH Dr. Miller a resident of New York, the sage of Arbor lodge can now arise in all his glory and exclaim, "I am monarch of all I survey!"

THE thought of a half million Americans going to whip Canada, and all sailing in the Dolphin, would make even a sea serpent ashamed of itself.

GENERAL CROOK, now in Boston, has recovered from his recent illness. Apache Indians were bad enough, but Boston society proved too much for the general.

Nor in this world alone are they having dynamite explosions and earthquakes. to gratify the presumed opposition to A large chunk was knocked off a passing star the other night-supposed to be the work of refractory communists and the deadly compound.

In answering a young woman's question, of how she could dispense with an lison, the chairman of the seuobjectionable suitor, the historic William Nye suggests that she sing to her lover "sad, soulful songs, like 'Mush, Mush,' and 'In the Gloaming.'"

JOHN B. FINCH is attempting to show to the people of Massachusetts that prohibition is best. If the people of the Bay state knew John Beef as well as we do out here, his receptions would hardly be as grand as now.

THE convict labor bill was passed by the senate, and now goes to the governor for the required signature. And It should be recorded that Mr. Mosher did not pay the Republican outfit the money they wanted and demanded.

A MAN was sentenced to be hanged in Kansas City the other day. He told the judge that when he made his few remarks upon the scaffold, he proposed to divulge the secret regarding the wonderful statements of their clearing house. The judge at once apologized to the prisoner and extended to him the freedom of the city.

FORTY days of the legislature have passed into eternity. There have been more disastrous occurrences consuming forty day's time, in the history of the world. We can now recall but one historic happening, however. That was the flood in which Noah played a prominent part. But eyen the facts connected with that, are shrouded in mystery and doubt. The more recent happening, however, admits of no doubt. The grim and checkered spectacle of large sums of money wantonly squandered with practically no good accomplished will forever haunt the burdened tax payers. And twenty days more are to follow!

Ir is greatly to be hoped that among those measures sure to fail at this session of congress for lack of time to pass them, the joint resolution for an amendment to the constitution changing the begunning of the presidential term and of the term of a congress from March 4 to April 30, will not be included. The resolution has passed the senate and been favorably reported on in the house. No objection is urged to it, and it could be passed in five minutes if reached, and we hope it will be. The time for the change is appropriate. April 30, 1889, will be the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington, our first president. We do not know why or when this date was changed to March 4, but it was an unwise change. At the beginning of March the weather in Washington is often beastly; at the end of April it is always delightful, and therefore much more fitting for the inauguration ceremonies. Another good reason for the change is that two months will be added to the second session of congress. We will gladly accept two more months of Cleveland to secure so desirable a change

cratic organizations there, composed of Delaying Appropriation Bills. worthy and reputable citizens, which The policy of delaying appropriation bills until the closing days of the session efficient service for the of congress owes its origin to Mr. Randall. It was not the practice when the republicans were in control of the house. and did not come into vogue till the present chairman of the house appropriations committee discovered that it was an

persistent adherence to which has been

a source of no small amount of annoy-

ance and trouble to his own party. Oppo-

sition to his methods, bowever, have

been unavailing. Changes in the rules

were made at the first session of the pres-

ent congress with the avowed purpose of

preventing the chairman of the appro-

priations committee from continuing this

policy, but they utterly failed of the ob-

ject. The closing days of the session last

year, although it was the long session,

found Mr. Randall in the same attitude

of obstruction that he had be-

fore occupied, and men wondered

at the complete futility of the

carefully prepared scheme to circum-

vent him. In the present session his po!-

icy has been carried out with greater

boloness and obvious deliberation than

ever before. The most important appro-

priation bills, involving large expendi-

tures of money through many channels,

have been deferred to within four days

of the close of the session. For example,

the legislative appropriation bill was not

considered in the house until Monday

and did not reach the senate until Tues-

day night, where it of course had to go

to the committee on appropriations of

that body. Preceding this bill by only a

appropriation and deficiency bills, so

that all three of these measures were

crowded upon the senate committee at

once. Regarding the deficiency bill, Mr.

Cannon, a member of the house appro-

priations committee, stated that he had

that the republican minority of the com-

mittee had been ignored. A democratic

member of the committee acknowledged

that the report on the bill had never been

submitted to the committee, having re-

ceived simply the informat approval of

the majority. In other words, the bill

tion of Mr. Randall, his demo-

cratic colleagues of the commit-

tee approved it without a question,

and that was deemed sufficient. Obvi-

ously it is not desirable that legislation

of this character shall be subject so en-

tirely to the direction of one man, how-

It has been said in defense or palliation

of Mr. Randall in this matter that it

serves to prevent objectionable legisla-

tion that would almost certainly get

through at the close of every session if

the appropriation bills were not in the

way to take precedence. This is doubt-

less so, but while undesirable legislation

is defeated, some which is desirable may

also fail. Such is very certain to be the

case at the present session. There are at

least half a dozen pending measures of

very considerable importance which it

will be hardly possible to reach and pass

in the brief time remaining of this con-

gress. They can wait, but there is no

good reason why they should unless it be

them of Mr. Randall. Another serious

objection to this policy is that it does not

allow the senate sufficient time to give

the more important appropriation bills

the thorough consideration they should

receive from that body. Senator Al-

ate appropriations committee, says

the necessary work will be ac-

complished, so far as his committee is

concerned, so as to avoid the necessity of

a called session, but it is clear that in

order to do this a great deal must be ac-

cepted on the authority of the house com-

mittee, which is indeed the case as to the

house itself. Fourthermore the president

does not get a fair opportunity to prop-

erly examine these bills and is compelled

to act largely upon confidence in the

word, under the prevailing policy, the ap-

propriations for carrying on the govern-

house committee having charge of this

important duty, which in turn is under

the very nearly unquestioned direction

The Pennsylvania congressman enjoys

in this matter a very much larger and

more important power than ought to be

allowed to any one man, and his arbi-

trary exercise of that power, more pro-

nounced at this session than ever before,

suggests that there should be a radical

change in the rules of the next house or

opposition to him in the present house,

which will undoubtedly make itself felt

m the next, and it is by no means un-

likely that he may at the close of this

congress finally terminate his career as

chairman of the appropriations com-

The President Gets a Trotter.

The proverbial obstinacy of President

Cleveland is again conspicuously illus-

trated in his nomination of a Massa-

chusetts colored man, J. M. Trotter, to

be recorder of deeds for the District of

Columbia in place of the Albany colored

man Matthews, twice rejected by the

senate. The chief ground of opposition

to the latter was the fact of his not being

a resident of the District. There were

sound objections to him on personal

grounds, which doubtless had their in-

fluence in causing his rejection, but the

supreme objection was the fact that he

was an importation, for which there was

no necessity, which was in violation of

the pledge of the democratic platform

regarding territorial appointments, and

which was felt to be an unwarrantable

insult and wrong to the faithful demo-

crats of the District. The assumption

that color had anything to do with the

rejection of Matthews is baseless. The

president has been made fully aware of

the sentiment in the District, but it is

plain that he is determined to wholly dis-

regard it. It could be of no profit to at-

tempt to divine his motive. For what-

ever reason he has never shown any con-

cern for or interest in the people of the

national capitol. He has as far as possi-

ble kept aloof from them, and it is gener-

ally understood among them that they

are outside the pale of executive sympa-

thy and respect. There are strong demo-

of Mr. Randall.

mittee.

ever safe he may be.

party in the last national campaign to the extent of contributing liberally to the political fund, and did a very great deal to make the inauguration a brilliant success, but their views and wishes have no weight with Mr. Cleveland. The democrats of the District of Columbia received effectual method of obstruction which would give him a practical control of more consideration from republican exlegislation awaiting action in the last ecutives than they have from the presidays of a session, and thus enable him to dent of their own party. And there is no defeat measures to which he is opposed. place in the country having an equal Mr. Randall's power in congress dates number of democrats where the presifrom the inauguration of this policy, his

dent has fewer friends. This last deliberate insult to the people, and more particularly the democrats, of the District, will greatly intensify the popular displeasure there with Mr. Cleveland, and we shall be very much surprised if there is not an earnest effort to make that displeasure widely felt. It was doubtless expected that after the experience with Matthews, who seemed to have a peculiar special claim upon Mr. Cleveland, the president would see the wisdom of according some consideration to the wishes of the people of the District in this matter. His failure to do so is not only a severe disappointment, but the insult is aggravated by the evident fact that he has been scouring the country to find another colored democrat to import. As foreshadowed in our Washington dispatches yesterday, the District of Columbia committee of the senate has reported agversely on the nomination of Trotter, so that his rejection may be regarded as assured. The result will doubtless be a repetition of the experience with Mathews. After the adjournment of congress, the president will undoubtedly reappoint Trotter, who will hold the office and secure its emoluments until Mr. Cleveland is disposed to send his name to the senate. He can pursue the course few hours in the senate came the naval he has thus far followed to the end of his term, and it is not doubted he will do so, in order to keep a citizen of the District out of the office. The disgust expressed by democrats of Washington is very likely to extend to the party every not seen it until Monday and complained where.

> THE rejuvenated Republican with its invigorated and exhilarated editor continues at the old stand with the same code of ethics. Its columns are filled with the same old song about Rosewater. The tune is the same. The music is identical. The only difference in the new concern, compared with the old, is, that Rothacker occupies Nye's chair in playing this railroad organ-while Tay lor turns the music instead of Yost. Not withstanding claims to the ontrary, the audience grows smaller and the applause from the railroad quarters is labored. The Republican of to-day is but a melancholy reminiscence. Its few staunch friends confess in secret that it is a miserable failure. They admit that as a wrecker its editor is a success. As an editor he is a wretened error. To the community he is an eye sore. To the Republican he will prove a burden. However, the Republican has never been in the way of the BEE or its editor. In fact it has never been in the way of anybody. It tried to get a large sum of money out of Mr. Mosher. It wanted him to employ it to say nothing about the convict labor bill. Luckily, Mr. Mosher knows a bargain when he sees it. It continued to abuse him

and oppose the measure. Its wonderful rhetoric and astounding logic succeeded in passing the bill. The Republican can continue to abuse Rose water. Like Mr. Mosher he will never pay it to keep still. Its editor may continue to labber. It was Macaulay who said "every age produces those links between the man and the baboon."

THE river and harbor bill having passed both houses will doubtiess receive the president's signature and become a law. The gratifying feature of the bill is the appropriation of \$25,000 for preliminary surveys of the Hennepin canal, and \$50,000 to begin construction. It is a small beginning, of course, but it establishes the work as a national enterprise and assures its ultimate accomplishment Our internal waterways, natural and artificial, are of the utmost importance to judgment of the house committee. In a the people in time of peace and to the nation in time of war. The closing of the Mississippi during the rebellion ment are practically directed by the taught us what the possession of that great outlet to the ocean by an enemy meant to our interior states, and a war with England, with her access from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Lakes for vessels through the Welland canal would teach us the value of the Hennepin canal, which would give us like access for vessels to the Lakes from the Gulf of Mexico. But in time of peace an interior network of water communication is of incalculable importance as a check upon and regulator of our railroad system. some one besides Mr. Randall ought to be Inter-state commerce bills are well, but placed at the head of the appropriations cheap water competition is better. committee. He has greatly intensified the Every natural advantage to commerce should be fostered and developed.

MR. BEECHER says: "If a man be lieves in the old idea of hell to-day, he is a candidate for a lunatic asylum." Possibly, but without a hell what shall we do with those reilroad managers who send out disabled engines to stall on a track and be crashed into by an express train, the result being the firing of the cars and the roasting of the passengers? Or those other managers who send a train rushing over a broken rail that by ordinary watchfulness should have been discovered, whereby the train is precipitated down an embankment into a frozen river, where thirty or forty more people are burned to a crisp in the inevitable fire from car stoves? These managers meet with no punishment by law; why should they not be burned hereafter as they almost daily burn other people now? These people and many more like them who hold human life and human rights so cheaply as against their dividends, flourish like green bay trees. They wax fat as they gather the dollars wet with human tears, stained with human blood, and tainted with the smell of burning human flesh. If the next world is to be made as pleasant for them as this, it would seem that humanity's last protection against corporate rapacity has been destroyed.

OMAHA and Council Blufts rejoice alike to-day, and well may they continue their rejoicing. The bill granting a charter for a wagon and railway bridge across the Missouri river, at the foot of Broadway, has been passed by congress. While those directly interested in securing the passage of the bill will be greatly bene-

fitted, by reason of their owning large tracts of bottom land on the east side of the river, it is not to them alone that this will prove a priceless boon. The entire city of Council Bluffs, as well as the entire city of Omaha, will be benefitted. That there are large tracts of land on the east side, which without the bridge are almost worthless, assures the construction of the long missing "link" which is to make Council Bluffs and Omaha one and inseparable.

THE Republican makes a cheap and stale allusion to the physical peculiarities of the editor of the BEE, which is worthy only of this comment. The editor of the BEE was not his own creator, but nevertheless he has no disposition to querrel with nature about his size or shape. Yet had the power been given him to order these things differently, had he had the power to make himself, and the editor of the Repuplican been then living and present as a model, he does not hesitate to say that he would promptly have rejected that model on physical, moral and intellectual grounds. He might have done no better for himself than nature did for him, but in his estimation he could not have done worse both for himself, his friends, his profession and the community in which he resides, than to have duplicated the editor of the Repub-

WITH General Butler and Carl Schurz laid up with sprained material frames, 'tis a good thing for the country that Mrs. Colby's husband recovered from the mumps.

WE might remark as we go along that nothing but natural "gas bags" have been discovered in the way of the new gas boring enterprises throughout the

LET the street cleaning commence. As long as the Republican continues under the present management there will be mud enough thrown around the town.

JAPAN has fifty-one active valcanoes. And yet we do not see any mention of her clearances. Kansas City's boastful manager makes that country timid.

A CALIFORNIA millionaire bequeathed

\$1,000 to the most graceful man in the United States. Pat O. Hawes has sent for the money. FEBRUARY, the shortest month in the

year as far back as we can remember, brought March to us in all her lovelmess. THE Lincoln correspondent of the Chi-

cago Times is a creative genius. To him truth would indeed be "stranger than fiction." MR. RUSSELL, of the judiciary commit

tee, is a living example of Pope's truth, that "a little learning is a dangerous thing. A NEW broom sweeps clean. This

weather is better than any Hazen ever furnishea us. THE street commissioner should cleanse

the city. Spring is almost here.

CURRENT TOPICS.

John Franklin, a colored porter in Louisville, found an old army canteen in a warehouse cellar the other day, and from it he extracted \$3,625 in hard cash.

Nathaniel Hucker, operator in the office of the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, has been at the key forty-one years, and is the oldest telegraph operator in the United States.

Miss Louise Lawson, daughter of Dr. L. M. Lawson, of Cincinnati, is distinguishing herself in Rome by her fine work in marble. A notable statue by her recently arrived in New

Prominent Cincinnations are troing to raise things to erect a monument to William Henry Harrison at North Bend, O. The ex-president's grave is said to be neglected

T. C. Crawford, the New York World's Washington correspondent, has been ordered to Europe as the correspondent of that paper. Pulitzer thinks he hears the baying of the war-dogs.

George Bertram, a Philadelphia grocer, was at the dinner on February 23, 1827, at which Sir Walter Scott formally ac knowledged the authorship of the Waverly novels. Bertram was present as a newspaper man.

William Comstock, the oldest convict in Auburn (N. Y.,) penitentiary, who died recently, was received at the prison in 1858 on a life sentence for killing his father and mother and cutting out their hearts and eating them.

Ten years ago Thomas F. Clark jokingly gave Miss Julia A. Malcolm, of New Haven. a deed of certain Colorado lands, which he thought to be valueless. She said that she'd keep the document to remember him by, locked it up, and has since been earning her living teaching school. The other day she received a letter from Colorado, saying that there was a lead mine on her property, and \$250,000 was offered for it. Miss Malcolm thought it a joke, but finding that it wasn't she accepted the offer, and the check is on its way east.

A Timely Conundrum. Kansas City Journal. There is no sort of truth in the report that Dan Lamont is to have the secretaryship of

the treasury. Why, who would be president then? Kentucky's Crying Need. San Francisco Alta, Mr. Watterson complains of the president's "arid nature." What Kentucky wants is a

nature out of which you can wring high-About the Size of It.

wines.

New York Lender. Democratic economy in congress consists in cutting down the wages of skilled labor wherever a few republicans remain em-

A Sensible View of It.

Harpered Weekly. It must be clear to every honest advocate of prohibition that if public sentiment will not support the enforcement of high license it would certainly not support prohibition.

Coming to Their Senses.

It is interesting to note how quickly the railroad companies are ascertaining that improved and perfectly safe methods of car heating are feasible. It must be said of them that they realize the danger of attempting to further trifle with the public on this vitai matter.

It is Nothing New,

It is related as a great achievement that some scientific fellow has discovered how to transmit telegraph messages without wires. Our esteemed morning contemporary (the Lincoln Journal) produces every day whole columns of telegraphic messages with no other

appliances than a pair of scissors and the Chicago exchanges.

The Last Furrow.

The Spirit of Earth, with glad restoring hands, 'Mid ruin moves, in glimmering chasm And mosses mantle and the bright flower But Death the Ploughman wanders in all

lands,
And to the last of Earth his furrow stands.
The grave is never hidden; feartul hopes
Follow the dead upon the fading slopes,
And there wild memories meet upon the sands.

When willows fling their banners to the plain, When rumer of winds and sound of sudden showers Disturb the dream of winter-all in vain

The grasses hurry to the graves, the flowers Toss their wild torches on their windy Yet are the bleak graves lonely in the rain. STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. George B. Bardell, furniture dealer in Columbus, has closed up for financial re-If 100 scents make a dollar, there are

fortunes laying around in the alleys these thawing days. The new bridge at Nebraska City will be completed by March 1, 1888. So says the engineer in charge.

A juvenile boom is knocking at the back doors of Fremont. The foundling will doubtless be taken in.

Nebraska City packers have purchased 95,000 hogs in the past four months, for which nearly one million dollars were paid. The first low murmurs of the spring

rush of settlers pervade the land. Seventy carloads of emigrants and their moveables passed through Hastings west bound, last Saturday. A Norfolk banker named Friedolar at tempted to end a dispute with Mr. Schoregge with a revolver. Bill Blat

called his attention to a cocked shotgun

and Friedolar dropped the argument and departed. A prominent senator in Lincoln is putting in his spare hours on "An Analysis of the Vernon Kick." It will be illustrated with sketches taken on the spot,

and distributed gratis to occupants of the front row. The Elkhorn Valley road is said to have nvested \$50,000 in Fremont real estate in the last two months. This is an offset to the purchase of two thousand acres in

and near Omaha for shops and trackage. The Broken Bow Times of last week contains a pictorial representation of 'the honorable member from Sherman and Custer counties." The pose is refreshing and stimulating, mounted on wheels and spiked with a corkscrew. The biographical sketch is highly complimentary and must be read to be ap

preciated. Representative Watson of Otoe county tells it on himself. Last week, while lying very sick at the hotel, a committee came to consult with him regarding the cemetery bill. John was feeling as if his days might be short, and, while it was rather a grave subject, he readily con-sented that the law should be made good and sound and put upon its passage at

The grocerymen of Grand Island have solemnly agreed to dispense with solicit-ors. This is a despotic raid on the rights privileges of domestics. whole vocabulary of kitchen gossip there is nothing so thrilling as the solicitor skipping the back tence at early morn and opening the foggy eyes of the cook with a chunk of scandal or a smack on

Chadron authorities have been trying to break up the dance hall at that place, and have arrested the proprietor and his wife several times. The woman's evi-dence at the trial last week evinces a startling depth of depravity on the part of her husband, who is evidently a brute. He was released on bail, while she went to jail. The authorities, however, have determined that the dance hall must go. The Plattsmouth Journal complains that Omaha papers do not display suffi cient enthusiasm in mentioning social, business and other features of life in that Go to. The BEE watches the currents of life in the Cass metropolis and pounces upon every change of passing interest and cooks it to suit the varied tastes of readers by the thousands. Get a 5 o'clock move on yourself, kill off the mossbacks and cremate the kickers and

with songs of praise and prosperity. Wyoming. A new oil field has been discovered on Salt Creek, between Douglas and Buffalo.

The Cheyenne Leader has abolished dead "ads" and cut down its size to meet the requirements of the city. Buildings planned and mostly contracted for, to go up in Cheyenne the coming summer, will cost in the neighborhood of half a million dollars.

Roadmaster Alexander McGregor, of the Cheyenne division of the Union Pa-cific, who has been transferred to Omaha, was presented by friends, on the eve of his departure, with an elegant gold watch and other testimonials valued at \$500. luded a beautiful silver tea set to Mrs. McGregor.

"Our local sky pilot," says the Buffalo Sentinel, "was out of luck last Sunday. He had previously announced that on Sunday evening he would preach as his sermon "the value of good men to the world." but some fellow broke into his "shack" on his ranch and stole the manuscript he had prepared on the subject, and consequently the meetin' was busted up as far as a sermon on the above subject was concerned."

The plans of the proposed new Railroad hotel were in Chevenne Sunday, but have been sent back to Omaha. It is proposed to begin the erection of the new hotel by about the 1st of May, and possibly sooner. The new hotel is to have two fronts, one toward the track and one on the west toward the new depot. The frontage of the hotel will be considerably more than 100 feet, and its width about half that distance. It is to be three stories high and will cost in the neighborhood of

Colorado. The surveyors of the Atchison, Topeka Santa Fe road are staking a road to

The operations of the United States mint at Denver for February amounted to \$131,661.94, gold and silver. Of this amount Colorado contributed \$129,-416.55.

Reports received at the office of the Colorado Cattle Growers' association in-dicate that south of Montana to the Gulf of Mexco, cattle have wintered better than for years.

Charles C. Green, the colored tonsorial artist, who carved the life out of Amos E. Nickens in Denver, and who was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, has been granted a new trial for the reason that the prosecution failed to produce in court the clothing of the dead man.

A lively race riot occurred Sunday night at Granite, a station on the Rio Grande road, eighteen miles from Leadville, in which the dago inhabitants of the town were put to flight and their sa-loon deliberately burned down amid the wildest excitement. The affair grew out of a Sabbath morning episode, is which a party of dagos who had previously sustained some violence at the hands of the whites, seized an ignorant German and thrust him until his veins were frozen through a hole in the ice that covers the Arkansas river. His shricks finally brought the whites to the rescue and the fiendish diversion of his termentors was

## "ASHES" AND AMUSEMENTS.

Doings at the National Capital During the Lenten Morning.

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

Grand Social and Historic Reception to Willson Barrett-The Beautiful Miss Eastlake-Four Lattle Cherubs.

Washington, Feb. 27 -[Correspondence of the Bee.]-Pious Dent has drawn its ash-hued sack over meek society and for the next forty days and forty nights we shall be deluged with fish breakfasts, congressional clam bakes, turtle lunches, (these are delicious when two's a company) wild goose dinners, (these are festive) champagne suppers,—headache for desert-senatorial poker parties (with the Schenck improved patent), all sorts of church pin-cushion swindles, (with prayerful considerations) and numerous "informals." What solitude these last mentioned do have! Our theatres will be crowded to the brim. Lent is the time for the theatre companies to come to Washington. And yet our theatres have been filled during the gay season, society having a way of attending a play first and then playing its own part after; a most dramatic part. There are romances in real life here that have dramatic situations which would rival anything seen on the stage. For dramatic situation see the Forty-ninth congress. Such tragle scenes in the sen-ate when Mahone, of Virginia, and Evarts, of New York, are trying to swallow each other. When "Judge Waxem, of Wayback," and Governor Long, of Massachusetts, are matching pennies for romantic eloquence—the stage has nothing to equal it. Bernhardt, the emotional goddess, will be here March 1 to give five entertainments. No doubt the churches will be open day and evening to counteract the influence. No go! People, especially intelligent christians, must see and hear things for themselves in order to pass righteous judg-ment. Sara Bernhardt will have packed houses and the ticket scalpers will get

Willson Barrett and Eastlake. Such applause I have never heard in a Washington theater as that which greeted our English cousins. And such a magnificent audience, too, made up of our best people. Willson Barrett and Miss Eastlake captured the Washington hearts as well as its money, and they didn't charge any more than those other English cousins, Irving and Ellen Terry. These worthy artists were feasted nigh unto death. Society took them as soon as the play was over, to some reception, or supper, or something, and several in one night, and as Barrett himself said, kept him up all night and all day, and nearly killed him with kindness. The only thing that saved Barrett and kept him from being the rival of a New York coachman is the plain fact that he is the husband of a wife and the father of five children--way off in some English village. It was a very pretty scene, not down on the bills when "Clito" was pelted with roses and bouquets, thrown by a whole upper box full of pretty girls, under the charge of some staid matron, such pretty, merry girls in their lovely girlsh attire, like so many roses and pinks and violets themselves.

Miss Eastlake, as those who have had

the pleasure of seeing her know, is a beautiful girl, and as chaste and lovely as she is beautiful, I am told. Said a gentleman at my side: "This young artiste is far more beautiful than Langtry, and hasn't that much-talked of beauty's, sensuousness of appearance." The future gives much promise Miss Eastlake, provided she doesn stagy and marry some cad. I that one of our susceptible M. been poking his nose into the cloak room ever since Miss Eastlake took her departure. He says in early life he had great fondness for the stage (disease peculiar to sentimental youth), but finally drifted into politics, and by the sheerest luck drifted into congress. And how the poor devil, no, I beg pardon, I mean con-gressman, is drifting toward the stage again. "Water will find its level," although there isn't as much level water in congress as there ought to be. A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE and one that makes even a hard-shell

Washingtonian catch a glimpse of "something better" and feel there is, after all, a pure life, was the appearance of four little creatures who might have dropped direct from a heavenly land, into one of the boxes mear the stage at the "Erminie" Saturday matinee. Perfect little cherubs were they, and with their quaint dresses and round faces. their quaint dresses and round faces looked like pictures, the box setting making the frame. Three little boys—the eldest did not look to be over four and a wee maiden, who from appear-ance was the eldest by a couple of years. Two sweet-faced ladies, evidently happy mothers of these souls' purity, sat in modest retirement while the little darlings sat or stood in front of the box. It was a study to watch those four little faces as they watched the opera, and when the curtain went down they clapped their tiny little hands and helped to bring back the weil-doers. The attention of the audience was divided between that box picture and the stage the children getting the lion's share and every glass in the house was leveled at that box. The attention of the actors was also directed to them, and the applause that came from those little hands seemed to give inspiration. As the drop curtain fell I stepped to the box to ask the tinest and chubblest little one his name: "Julian May Wright," sald he in a clear, musical voice as he put his tender little arms about my neck, an act that sent a thrill of happiness to my heart, which was not down on the bills. And in what sharp contrast to the picture seen in that box a few nights before. A whole lot of young ladies of society with an equal number ciety with an equal number flats and sharps motioned one of our "leaders." The young ladies(?) dresses were so low, in tact so little dress was visible, and so much of the real flesh and bones seen, that barring the stage and audience, one might fancy themselves in a Turkish bath establishment getting ready for treatment. A most disgusting picture. Of course people did look, people will, just as they linger around the spot where murder was committed. But no one was made better by looking at that scene. So drawn was I, and many others, the little ones that we waited on the pavement to see them loaded into a handsome wagonette, drawn by a span of pony matched horses, long tails, and driven by a handsome man, no doubt the happy father of our little Julian. As they drove off I thought of an aerial chariot loaded with little cherubs and driven off through the rosy clouds by one of the gods of love. After this soaring oil into the realms of bliss it is pretty hard to come down to common affairs.

Saturday afternoon's reception was largest smash she has had yet. Just roaring, rushing humanity that reminded a looker-on, from afar, of Niagara falls at high tide. Nothing like it ever seen by the oldest inhabitants, and some of those weary mortals stood in line four dreary hours just to help tire the poor, dear mistress of the white house all out. So tired and dizzy was she after shaking hands with seven thousand of more, she really had to cry "hait',

MRS. CLEVELAND'S LAST

leaving several thousand home disgusted with Mrs. Cleveland for not iron instead of beautiful flesh and blood I fancy our good natured young lady of the white house will get on her "high horse" and refuse to share with the "vulgar public" after a season or two when the newness of the position will wear away. She looks pale and society-weary, and no doubt will be glad to rest and have

time to say her prayers.

The president's public reception, Tues day evening, was not such a joy-as anticipated. People staid away think-ing there would be a perfect crush of life and timb, and so those who did go had a chance to inflate their lungs and show their good clothes, a kind of happiness that must be felt to be understood.

## INCIDENTS OF THE MUD.

Various Scenes About the City-"Crossing the Streets." Mud is different from snow. Any observant person, these last few days in

Omaha would discover this in many ways, but there is one way that conclusively proves the difference. If the pale, crisp snow were knee deep ladies could be seen floundering through it without making any display of hosiery or a substitute. Not so with her who essays to stir the slumbering plasticity of Omaha mud, so highly prized and priced at the present time. The wide awake business man, who advises all men to keep their eyes open, may be partially responsible for the sights seen, which might have been unnoticed in the days of mud, stickness and horse and vehicle splashing. Vesterday morning a lady splashing. Yesterday morning a lady was walking across Seventeenth street on Farnam. She had on rubbers. Her gentleman attendant preceded her, whether he was her husband or held some other relation, is proba-bly nobody's business. When she reached the middle of the crossing she threw through her arrow formed red lips a minimized "Ow!" and placed a pebblegoat boot in the mud, minus a rubber. She jumped and splashed through to the opposite curb. The heel and back part of the rubber stuck up out of the muddy pool like the picture of the Cumberland's parting shot, but the gentlemanly escort yanked it out and put it where it be-

longed. A short while afterwards a lady moved along Thirteenth street. She had a black, lovely velvet sacque around her fair form, and a maroon momie cloth dress danced attendance around her, also responsive to the jorky motions of the very conspicuous bustle. She had a pyramid hat, with the apex sawed straight across off. She was a dashing along woman with round, rogueish, independent, sweet looking face. When she came to Harney street she had to cross it. She did not pull herself up on her toes to go through the mud that lay across her path, but dashed in. She threw her right hand around below the bustle, grabbed fa fistfull of gathered momie cloth and its concealments and lifted the mass twelve inches over the ground-if it were dried-and waded through. Her stockings were safely en-sheathed in a pair of men's rubbers, with their round, inflated looking black ankles. She crossed over and stepped off, as unconscious and lively as a pedestrian. She was sensible.

## TALKS WITH TRAVELERS.

Short Interviews Gathered in the Hotel Rotundas. Lewis King, Pittsburg, Pa: "Yes,

everything is natural gas with us now. It has wrought a wonderful change in heating and lighting. I use seven stoves in my house for cooking and heating, and together with all the light I want my expenses in this direction are less than fifty dollars per annum. The natural gas revolution has also des troyed an old time feature of Pittsburg. It is no longer the 'Smoky City.' I know many merchants who deal in fine wares, dry goods, etc., who have been saved many thousand dollars since the smoke has ceased to be an annoyance and a smut producer. Notwithstanding the fact that natural gas has entirely supplanted the use of coal and coke, doing away with about 350,000 bushels a day, still the price of coal has been raised. Queer, ain't it?"

William Nevins, Des Moines, Ia .: "I am looking for some important news from Iowa's capital to-day and it may be of considerable moment to Omaha. 1 refer to the decision of President Kidd, of the great International distillery in the first named place, whether it shall be moved and to what place. The distillery employs 500 men, which means a popula-tion of at least 1,500 persons, who con-tribute to the business of the city. I as-Moines if the distillery changes its loca-tion and a great gain to the city that gets it. Business men there are very much excited over the matter and several condemn the prohibitionists. This distillery is the largest in the world and did not make a drop of spirits for consumption in Iowa. All was for export. Still the fanatics on some technical plea, got the courts to interfere with its busi

The Origin of Verdi's Otello From Corriere del Matino: Verdi was first induced to undertake the composition of Otello on the occasion of the performance of his Messa da Requiem, at the Scala, for the benefit of the sufferers by the inundations at Ferrara. The next day he gave a dinner to the four princi-pal solo singers, at which were present several friends, among them Signor Faccio and Signor Ricordi. The latter laid siege to the maestro, trying to per-suade him to undertake a new work, For a long time Verdi resisted, and his wife declared that probably only a Shake-spearian subject could induce him to take up his pen again. A few hours later Faccio and Ricordi went to Boito, who at once agreed to make the third in the generous conspiracy, and two days after sent to Verdi a complete sketch of the plan of the opera, following strictly the Shakespearian tragedy. Verdi approved of the sketch, and from that moment it fell to the part of Giulia Ricordi to urge on the composer and the poet by con-stant reminders. Every Christmas he sent to Verdi's house an Othello, formed of chocolate, which, at first very small Yerdi did not wish to include the choruses in his opera, but yielded to the fact that they are indispensable in the present condition of the theatrical art. It was he also who desired that the opera should open with the tempest; but enough said for the present.

An Entire Crew Eaten Up.

St. James' Gazette: The tragic seems to verge on the ludicrous once again when we read that a number of Melanesian laborers, who were being taken back to the Solomon islands at the expiration of their contracts, ate up the entire crew of the vessel conveying them. The crew in question consisted of Patagonians and other Polynesians. The shocking event will produce great excitement throughout Oceanica. The Solomon islanders are in great request as laborers because of their physical strength and docility, and it was supposed that the influence of the missionaries and other Europeans had entirely eradicated their old cannibal habits. But inherited tendencies are not to be got cid of all at once. The civilization of these Polynesians is a thin veneer on the top of a solid fabric of original barbarism. Experience has shown again and again that the tamest savages are always capable of a sudden relapse into their old customs.