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this 5d day of December, 1894.
il.) N. P. FEIL, Notary Public. (Senl.) One of the reforms the next legislature should inaugurate is one office for one man at one time.

Congress has taken a vacation for twelve days. If it had passed the necessary appropriation bills before adjourning the country would have been pleased if it had taken a vacation for twelve months.

Members of the Board of Park Commissioners have decided that they do tract under conditions nominated in the

The question whether or not the legislature will be justified in meeting the demands of the regents of the State university has resolved itself simply to this: Is it right to tax the whole state for the education of pupils in preparatory branches which have no place in a state university?

compelled, for the sake of law and decolleagues and pray for an order to require Scott to keep hands off. How much longer will the people of this district be compelled to submit to judicial usurpation and travesty on justice?

The fire department of Chicago is reputed to be the best drilled and most efficient body of its kind in the world. Omaha and all persons interested in the efficiency of the fire department will find the sketch of the Chicago fire fighting force and the rules and regulations under which it is governed, which we reprint elsewhere, instructive and interesting.

The example of America is spreading all over the world. When George Francis Train got out of The Tombs he took to lecturing. Herr Most, the noted anarchist, recently released from Sing Sing, will begin a dramatic engagement at Chicago within a few days. And now it is cabled from Germany that Rector Ahlwardt, who has just been released from a three months' prison term for incendiary talk in the German Parliament, has taken to lecturing through Germany.

Plans and schemes for an elastic currency have been formulated and suggested by bank associations and currency reformers. But no banker has yet suggested the establishment of postal savings banks as a measure of rellef to the national treasury, and yet the postal savings banks in France and Germany have contributed more toward sustaining the credit of the governments of those countries by distributing their debts among the common people than have the bankers and bond issues.

The Union Pacific receivers and the representatives of the foreign stock syndicate that owns large blocks of stock in the main line and branches have expressed themselves as well satisfied with the house funding bill, except in so far as it relates to the rate of interest which the blanket mortgage is to bear. The question which comes for solution before congress is not so much whether the bill satisfies the stockholders of the road as it is whether it satisfies the debtpayers, or, in other words, the patrons of the road. The refunding scheme would not be objectionable if the men who exploited the road and loaded it down with a mountain of fictitious liabilities were obliged to liquidate the debt out of their own pockets.

The semi-annual entrance examinations of the National Conservatory of Music, New York, will take place from January 7 to 10. Our readers have been informed from time to time regarding the character of this great school of music, which, under the direction of the distinguished composer, Dr. Antonin Dyorak, has attained the highest rank among such institutions. The conserva- thinks the most important, is the detory has performed a great work in support of our people. It offers to all the United States pupils whose after- tive of all occupations and the slowest acres. A special appropriation of \$5,000 in their native land.

TO PENSION TEACHERS.

TRACESTING THE PARTY OF THE PAR

ers has been a subject of discussion in the world, and in all departments tysburg address. educational circles for many years, but of industry, capital, skill and invention population. This new departure will from such an exceptional state of afhe watched with great interest by the fairs as has prevailed for some time ially by those engaged in the profession.

The plan contemplates the creation sary to underrate any of the causes of a compulsory pension fund to be expended for the benefit of teachers and while still believing in the wisdom school employes under certain condi- and soundness of the advice given tions. The proposed pension fund is American farmers by the late Secretary to be raised, first, by a monthly deduc- Rusk, who said that the time had artion from the pay of teachers not exceeding 1 per cent per annum of their espective salaries; second, contributions to this fund by legacies, gifts, bequests or otherwise, and, third, from such other sources as might be improvised for increasing the fund.

The pension fund is to be held in trust by the Board of Education, with the superintendent and two trustees to be elected by the teachers and employes of the board. Retirement of teachers at the term specified is to be brought about by a majority vote of the trustees. The pensions are to be limited to half pay, and in no case to exceed \$1,000 a year.

The Chicago teachers seem to favor this plan, and that fact will doubtless go far toward carrying the bill authorizing compulsory contributions from the teachers' salaries for this purpose. The idea is by no means novel. In foreign countries civil service pensions have been in vogue for many years, and the compulsory system of wage saving recently introduced in Germany has given an impulse to all schemes looking to the establishment of funds for the maintenance of public servants in various capacities who are either dependent on account of disability or by reason of advanced age.

There is, of course, an adverse view to this compulsory pension scheme not want the donation of the Murray which may be urged by those who object to paying a compulsory tax for bond. They looked the gift horse in the the benefit of teachers who intend to mouth and found the beast was tooth- remain in the service for life, while they only expect to engage in it until they get married or find a more congenial occupation. This would be the selfish and narrow minded view. The vast majority of teachers would no doubt cheerfully contribute their mite toward assuring to the comfort and well being of teachers who had spent a lifetime in their calling and were liable to become a charge upon the public. There is also this to be said in favor Another case arose in the district of the plan: The involuntary retirecourt yesterday where attorneys were ment of the old teachers will make vacancies for younger teachers and afcency and to protect the interests of ford greater opportunities for promotion ellents, to go before one of Judge Scott's from among the rank and file. In this respect the law would operate in very much the same way as does the law that compels the retirement of army officers after they have reached an advanced age. The experiment is certainly worth trying. If it proves a success the example of Chicago will the mere perfunctory duty of signing be followed by all the principal cities his name to decisions which he has not that employ a large number of teach-Every member of the fire force in ers. If it proves a failure it can be these alternatives, says the correspondeadily abandoned.

THE WHEAT SITUATION.

Notwithstanding the low price of wheat and the obvious fact that production of that grain has far outrun the world's demand the acreage sown to winter wheat this year is larger than in 1893. We have in this another evidence of the conservatism of the agricultural class. For years the farmers of the country have been advised by those whose judgment should have weight with them and have been warned by the increasing competition of wheat growing countries and the declining price to reduce the production of wheat, but this admonition has had no effect upon them as a body. The increased acreage this year over last issures, under ordinary conditions, a larger yield, and this, in the face of the rapid extension of the wheat area in the Argentine republic and of the continued pressure of accumulated stocks upon the markets of the world, does not make a pleasing prospect for the American wheat producers. The latest advices from Argentine state that this year's crop will probably be fully double that of last year, and as cheap wheat is chiefly due to the competition of that country there is manifestly danger of the price going still lower unless the crops elsewhere should be very much below the average.

But the indications are that they will not be, for it seems that what has been done by the American farmers has also been done very generally by of American soldiers. The grounds over those of other countries, that is, they have increased the acreage. What the increase elsewhere is there is no it in time one of the finest parks in the data at hand to show, but it has un- country, attracting thousands of sightdoubtedly been very considerable. In seers curious to view the spot where this country it is estimated that the Grant and Sherman, Albert Sydney acreage is actually about 6,000,000 Johnson and Beauregard exercised their larger than last year. In view of the conditions it is impossible to reach any battles of the civil war. All the landother conclusion than that American farmers have made a serious mistake in enlarging instead of reducing the wheat area, and it is to be apprehended that they will have reason to regret it. It may be said that their loss will be the gain of the millions of consumers of wheat, but as the prosperity of the agricultural producers is most est the secretary of war to take from the sential to the general prosperity they Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial associ-

cannot suffer loss without detriment ation its 800 acres of the battlefield, to the common welfare. A writer in the current number of the Baukers Magazine suggests that ernment is authorized to add to this labors will advance the cause of music to feel the march of human progress. is made for a bronze tablet to be set up

on so long in all manufactures has medallion likeness of Abraham Lincoln The pensioning of public school teach- reached agriculture at last. All over and the that text of his immortal Get-

Men of all parties and of all sections no tangible effort in that direction has have been reducing the cost of things of the country concur as to the wisdom ever been made in this country. The produced, and it would be folly for a of thus preserving the most memorable Board of Education of Chicago is about farmer who pays \$80 for a harvester battlefields of the war for the union. to take the initial steps to establish a which used to cost \$200 to suppose They are the scenes of the grandest exsystem of pensions for teachers who that the world's progress will never hibitions ever made of American valor have served for twenty years and up- reach the price of wheat." He holds and patriotism, and they could serve no ward in all cities of Illinois of 100,000 out the promise, however, that recovery more useful or glorious purpose than that of conveying to future generations the immortal story of what there took friends of education, and more espect past is certain to come, and with it place in the conflict for national exist-Mme. Adelina Patti has within the

some advance in price. It is not neces-

contributing to the low price of wheat

cease his efforts to neutralize the low

price of his wheat by producing a

and serf labor of the entire world.

LAND OFFICE REFORM.

for reform of the methods of determin-

ing contests and litigated cases grow-

ing out of efforts to obtain government

land. The president in his annual mes-

satisfactory in results. Among the

right of appeal from the land commis-

the District of Columbia, or to the su-

preme court direct. There are other

proposed solutions of the difficulty, and

the best of them will, it is expected,

soon be formulated into a bill and intro-

duced in either the house or the senate.

A correspondent of the New York

Evening Post says, in referring to this

matter, that if a land commissioner does

his full duty, keeps the contest docket of

his bureau well cleared up to date, and

passes the appealed cases on, he simply

adds a new burden to the many under

which an overladen secretary is stag-

gering. The secretary must either for-

sake all other interests to examine land

appeals before signing, or he must in-

vest a clerk or group of clerks with

large discretion in selecting special

cases for him to consider and let the

rest go, or must be content to turn over

the work of consideration to his subor-

dinates altogether and settle down to

even glanced through. The first of

bodily powers in the secretary; the

others prove his personal interference

practically useless. The primary defect

in the present system is pointed out to

be the inadequacy of the nondescript

tribunal before which all proceedings

are begun. The registers and receivers

of the local land offices sprinkled all

over the public-land states and terri-

tories have no power to compel the at-

Of course all this works hardship to

the settler. It is a strain upon his re-

cases are to be counted by thousands

in which settlers have found their little

capital eaten up by court fees, attor-

remedy for this state of things, and it

ought to be applied without unneces-

TWO MORE MILITARY PARKS.

Congress having passed, with little op-

position, the bill creating a national mil-

tary park out of the battlefield of Shi-

It his approval, and another of the mem-

orable fields of conflict during the war

of the rebellion will be dedicated as a

memorial of the courage and heroism

which the battle was fought cover 3,000

acres, and it will be possible to make

the debts of the association. The gov-

land, and the whole, including the cem-

spots in the country.

wholly worthless.

sary delay.

There appears to be urgent necessity

don, Brighton, Cardiff and other places laudatory press notices show that the great diva retains all the splendid qualrived when the American farmer must ties of voice for which she is distinguished, and it need hardly be said the fullest measure, also, of her popularity. larger quantity, and that his hope of London's most brilliant and critical soremunerative prices depends upon his ciety greeted the marvelous artiste with gauging his acres in cultivation more unabated enthusiasm and the critics closely to the normal demand and not had nothing but praise for her efforts, vieing in competition with the peasant while in the provinces it was demonstrated that her hold upon the hearts and the appreciation of the people is as strong as it ever was. One critic, referring to her singing at Cardiff, said: Mme. Patti's wealth and purity of tone, flexible intonation, manner of interpretation, phrasing the graces of vocal art, which are the fruit of a lifesage called the attention of congress to ong experience, were manifested this matter, and there seems to be a throughout her singing, and in attemptprospect of legislation at the present ing to comment upon the singing of this session relating to it. The complaint is wonderful vocalist one feels as if he that the processes now followed are were trying to paint the lily. Mme. cumbersome, tedious, expensive and un-Patti's voice seems as fresh as ever. The critic of the London News wrote means suggested for simplifying the 'The charm of Mme, Patti in great present processes is the abrogation of all measure consists in her being in all re- and robust school of these great masters of spects a perfect artiste. Not alone the sioner to the secretary, and another plan purity of her voice, its richness of tone, contemplates the institution of boards ts depth of tenderness or expression. of review in the department, made up of appeal to her audience-her dramatic great writer, but a very pleasing one, whose its law clerks, whose decision shall be instincts, her sympathetic perceptive best final unless the secretary sees fit to power, her graciousness of style, her intake a case out of their hands and detensity of devotion to her art, place her cide it himself. Still another plan is to in a position of almost solitary pre-emi- than a merely literary man. His individucreate a court of land appeals, indenence." It is interesting to note that pendent of departmental control, and Mme. Patti has added some Wagner from which final appeals, if the litigants music to her repertoire, and it is un- islanders are part of political history which insisted upon going further, might be necessary to say that her rendering of will yet demand investigation and adjusttaken to the circuit court of appeals of it has been accorded the highest praise.

> The Bee tomorrow will publish short biographical sketches of legislative members-elect, which will serve to introduce the newly-elected lawmakers of style, as illustrated by graceful, elegant, of the state to the people at large.

A Dangerous Experiment. Chicago Record.

The proposition of some romantic writers to put their formances to the test by actually living through the experiences described should be discouraged. Any one trying to past the first chapter.

The Means Glids the Odium

Senator Morrill, the venerable United States senator from Vermont, defines a millionaire as "a much-envied epithet of oppoporium." Few men are so constructed as to not regret that they are not enrolled in the ranks of the distinguished and eminent to comprobelious. Not every man can be a give Cincinnati Commercial. opprobrious. Not ev United States senator. Not every man can be a

The Sentimental Colonel. Kansas City Star. for love is of the soul, passion of the body. Right you are, Cassius! Long live love!

Progress of Coast Defense.

Philadelphia Press. Coast defense is steadily progressing in spite of the small appropriations made by congress, and in five years this country will have its chief seaports in a condition to resist a sudden attack by a fleet; for it is constantly forgotten that in the greater number of instances in recent times such an attack has preceded any declaration of war. tack has preceded any declaration of war.

Preserving an Honored Name.

tendance of witnesses, and the result is Philadelphia Record. The misguided attempt to rechristen famous Appoint of Court House in Virginia will end in an unconditional "surrender" on the part of Postmaster General Bissell. While the north values the old name the Virginians and the south would never consent to adopt a new pages which that the contests brought before them are half the time decided on insufficient evidence, so that, as certified to the ommissioner of the general land office, never consent to adopt a new name which would always be an unhealed scar in retheir statements of fact are liable to be

Notable National Parks. Globe-Democrat.

Globe-Democrat.

This country will possess some notable national parks in the course of a few years. Provision will probably be made at this session of congress for gaining government control of the fields of Geitysburg and Shiloh. The New Yorker who has bought the farm near Elizabethtown, Ky., where Abraham Lincoln was born, intends to have it reserved as a mubile rark. sources and consumes his time. The ney's fees and the expense of bringing witnesses. There must be a practicable preserved as a public park.

The Port Arthur Massacre.

Philadelphia Press Japanese troops at Port Arthur, like civilized troops under similar provocation, were stirred to massacre and reprisal by the discovery that their comrades while prisoners had been tortured. No one who knows what troops are will be surprised at a slow salling vessel from England for Sathle and the supersized at the companies of indexents while prisoners are will be surprised at a slow salling vessel from England for Sathle and the supersized of indexents which loh, the president will undoubtedly give

praphs, gas and electric plants, etc., it is not a matter of much significance that the American Federation of Labor stopped short of the declaration in favor of general government ownership of the means of production and distribution. All the socialism this country will be able to digest for several years to come is specified in the successful resolutions.

The holiday number of the Buffalo Express

Japanese Foresight. Chicago Herald.

strategy in one of the most hotly-fought The forethought and cunning of the Japanese statesmen are equal to those of the statesmen in the "most favored nation," to use the language of treaties. They have directed their naval commanders not to inmarks of the fierce struggle will be carefully preserved, and when comdirected their naval commanders not to injure materially the great Chinese warships. This is the reason why the naval campaign is not active. Japan expects to get all the best Chinese warships in addition to cash and territory as a part of the peace indeminity when the war closes. Germany pursued a similar policy in regard to France and the great fortresses on the frontier.

Metz was captured by starving the garrison into surrender without injury to the walls, and, like Strasburg, was practically uninjured when ceded by France to Germany. It is a fine economy to save the cost of repairs on an enemy's property which is sure to fall into one's own hands.

the Express, however, is so perfect that fallure has been ex-punged from its vocabulary. The special charm of the holiday number, and a most appropriate one, is the profusion of child pictures, transferring to paper many tender scenes from everyday life.

AT THE 'PHONE.

There are sounds that seem to soothe us, There are sounds that seem to move us, as the cradle song in opera or the rooster's early crow.

There are times when nothing pleases and tormenting thought will tense us. pleted as required by the bill Shiloh park will be one of the most interesting Another bill is pending in the house to establish a national military park at Gettysburg. This measure authorizes paying what is necessary to discharge

Chinese Sunday Schools.

Brooklyn Eagle.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Kansas City Times: The friends of Rev. Conrad Haney of Chicago, who ran off with another man's wife a few weeks ago, gave as an excuse for his actions that he gave up the tobacco habit and that so unsettled his nerves that he had no control of himself. as an excuse for his actions that he gave This is a terrible warning to clergymen not

a doubt whether a university supported by pany can possibly represent the foundation principles of the Baptist or any other re-ligious sect. Rev. W. W. Boyd is to be ligious sect. Rev. W. W. Boyd is to be applauded for his pluck. The University of Chicago is a noble educational edifice upon a rotten foundation.

New York Sun: The Lawrence Gazette past month appeared in concerts in Lontells of a pious youth of that Kansas town, who, after studying for the ministry, was led England and Wales, and the highly to believe that he could make more money as an undertaker than as a prescher, and so has thrown up the pulpit to enter the more profitable business. Kansas theologian might make yet more money by working at both his industries, contracting to preach a sermon at every funeral at which he is employed as under-"department stores" of New

York are already a success. New York Sun: There does not seem to us any impropriety in choosing a woman minister as assistant to a man minister in the South Congregational church of Bridgeport, Conn. The Bridgeport reporters say that the woman minister is a better theologian and a more eloquent preacher than the man minister, and more successful with the wicked. There is perhaps danger that jealousy may thus be aroused between the two ministers of the church, and that the man's salary may be cut down to a lower than the woman's; but we should think that these obstacles to harmony might be removed if the clergyman is a bachelor and the clergywoman unmarried. A long time ago we heard of another church with two ministers, one of them a man, the other a woman. If we remember rightly, they got along pretty well together for a good while.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

Chicago Inter Ocean: Mr. Stevenson's place may not be on the plane of Scott or Defoe. even of Dumas, but it is of the healthy

Globe-Democrat: The late Robert Louis Stevenson was one of the most popular and successful of contemporary novelists—not a work was done in the short stories which first brought him to the attention of the reading public.

Chicago Herald: Mr. Stevenson was more ality was noble, his conscience clear, his vision broad and true. His story of Samon and his valiant appeals for justice to the ment.

Chicago Tribune: Quantity in his case was not a fault, for it did not impair quality. He had the genuine literary touch of the scholar, and it was apparent at the very was apparent at the very beginning of his career, showing that he was born into literature, and that the gift lucid English, was an inspiration. latter regard he had no peer among contemporary novelists.

Chicago Times: The pathos of the old Greek myth in dooming Achilles to early death is repeated in the career of this poet of youth. His life is spent under the shadow hould be discouraged. Any one trying to of impending dissolution and the light of impending dissolution and the light of the solution sensational school would come into onflict with the police before he had lived had just scaled the zenith. In tropical climates there is no twilight transition from day to night. The noon hour tolled for this poet the vespers and the requiem. He cannot be forgotten.

Louisville Courier Journal: A consumptive and walking almost in the shadow of the valley of death since his 30th year, he has won fame such as falls to the lot of few men to whom a strong body has been given , with a strong mind. He had planned to pay another visit to Europe and America, but he spoke prowhen, three years ago, writing of

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Mr. Cleveland is camping on Pee Dee river. eems to have lost his Q. When a man finds his wife swinging the clubs and vaulting over the gymnasium bars it is convincing proof she is training for a Christmas shopping tour.

There appears to be some grounds for the assertion of John Burns that "Chicago is a pocket edition of hell." Dr. Parkhurst is about to start a reform branch there. Daniel Mickley of Wayneboro, Pa., who is 99 years old, is a veteran of the war of 1812, and served at the battle of Baltimore September 13, 1814, in which General Ross was

killed. During the eleven years that the late William T. Walters of Baltimore gave annual exhibitions of his gallery of pictures for charity over \$30,000 was taken in and handed over to the poor of Baltimore.

Palmer Cox produced the first of his quaint brownie" pictures about fifteen years ago, when Arthur Gilman, dean of the Harvard annex, now Radcliffe college, asked him for drawings to Ulustrate a humorous manuscripi about the alphabet.

The New York rascals whose revenues have been somewhat diminished by prevailing reform are driving a lucrative business in-timidating and blackmailing, with bogus subpoenas, people who dread being called to the stand by the Lexow committee.

cigarette habit and undoubledly died from its effects. From 100 to 150 cigarettes a day this, and the suspension of judgment which the Japanese government asks in the temperate and well considered utterances of its minister at London will receive universal approval. The Christmas number of the Duluth Her-

ald is a pictorial, historical and statistical mirror of the Zenith City. Every feature of Springfield Republican.

Having adopted resolutions favoring the public ownership of land, railroads, telegraphs, gas and electric plants, etc., it is

The holiday number of the Buffalo Express has few superiors in point of illustrations and variety of contents. The Sunday Ex-press equals in beauty of illustration and letter press the distinctively illustrated weeklies, and it was a difficult task to surpass it with a special number. The equipment the Express, however, is so perfect that

There are times when nothing pleases.
And tormenting thought will tease us.
Then it does me good to listen to her musical "Hello."

'Tis so sweetly regulated And so sweetly modulated That I oft would linger longer if I did not For some fellow's sure to break in
With a sound that I must take in
While I'm patiently awaiting to hear one
more "Hello."

Curiosity's no keener
Than when first I heard her voice repeat a
call, distinct and slow,
For in my mind I've photoed her,
And in my mind I've voted her
The lovellest and the brightest girl that
ever said "Hello,"

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS ASSOCIATION

Suspended Members Will Be Reinstated by a Small Payment. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—The Western Commercial Travelers association held its seventeenth annual meeting and election of officers today. President R. W. Shapicigh officiated as chairman. Secretary and Treasbreak off too suddenly from the tobacco urer H. C. Tatum's annual report showed Chicago Times: A Baptist clergyman of on hand to amount to \$46,283.47. The amount Chicago Times: A Baptist clergyman of St. Louis has had courage enough to express a doubt whether a university supported by paid out for death losses since the organization aggregates \$727,854, of which \$9,600 was paid out during the past year. The total

tion aggregates \$727,854, of which \$2,600 was paid out during the past year. The total operating expenses of the association for the past year amounted to \$4,571. The amendment to the constitution offered by C. H. Wickland in regard to the reinstatement of members who have been suspended from the association for nonpayment of dues was carried, and the 170 members who have been suspended during the past year for this cause will be reinstated upon the payment of a small fee. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: George S. McCrew, president, Thomas J. Chewning, Charles F. Weller, John J. Knight, J. S. Swaine, William S. Bell and Frank S. Draper, vice presidents. The following memper, vice presidents. The following mem bers were elected to serve as a board of di rectors for the next two years: William N. McConkin, John C. Meeks, George P. Heckel, George A. Roth, J. W. McDonald and Chauncey Ladd, Jr.

Jewish Historical Fociety. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The American Jewish Historical siciety will hold its third annual meeting at the Arlington hotel on Wednesday and Thursday of next week and an elaborate program has been outlined to follow the business session of the organiza-tion. It will be participated in by repre-sentative Hebrews from all sections of the union. The opening address will be delivered by Congressman Oscar Strauss, Among those who will read papers are Dr. Cyrus Adler, Dr. B. Felesenthal, Albert Friedenwald, Dr. J. H. Hollander, Max K. Kohler, Simon Wolf and Dr. M. Kayserling.

Juror Says He Was Approached. CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.-The jurors in the case of the state of Ohio against Horace Steele, the Painesville banker, who was insteele, the Painesville banker, who was indicted for forgery in connection with the savings bank failure, came into court today and reported that they were unable to agree and were dismissed. The jury has been out since Thursday. Eleven men voted for conviction, and one-David Skyr-held out for acquittal. W. B. Hopkins, the foreman of the jury, says that he was approached during the progress of the trial and offered a sum of money if he would "hang" the jury in the Steele case.

Bribery Jury Unable to Agree. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.-The case

against Kane and Thriffliey, councilmen indicted for bribery, was given to the jury at a late hour last night. This forenoon the jury came into court and reported that they could not agree, but they were sent mack to their room by Judge Ferguson for further consideration. At 1 o'clock this afternoon the court adjourned until Monday, but the judge will receive a verdict at any time. It is said that the jury stands nine for conviction and three for acquittal, with but little prospect for an early agreement. This forenoon the a late hour last night.

Reopening Old Coal Mines. BOULDER Colo., Dec. 22.-A. G. Gorham of New York has leased for a long term of years 3,000 acres of the Marshall coal field at Marshall, a few miles from this city. Mr. Gorham has placed the workings in good shape, laying new tracks through the mine and making many surface improvements. New impetus has already been given the now almost deserted town, and it promises to become once more a lively coal camp. The Marshall mines are the oldest in Colorado, having been opened thirty-two or thirty-two expars ago. years 3,000 acres of the Marshall coal field

two or thirty-three years ago. Squatters Must Pay or Move Off. CRIPPLE CREEK, Dec. 22.-Over 3,000 persons in this city are affected by the decision of the secretary of the interior concision of the secretary of the interior confirming the Freeman placer claim. This claim comprises 128 acres in this city, on which are over 700 buildings, including some of the largest in the city. The land is worth over \$500,000. The owners of the claim are J. H. Freeman, jr., George Carr, William Eaton, J. O. Hirschberger, J. K. Vanatta and Thurlow & Hutton. The squatters will have to buy the land which they have occupied or move off.

Springer Feels Confident

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Chairman Springer of the house committee on banking and currency sald today that he believed that the Carlisle currency bill would have a safe majority in the house, although no canvass had been made. Mr. Bland of Missouri said he would urge his substitute, not withstanding the amendments to the Carband to eat with. the mere perfunctory duty of signing his name to decisions which he has not even glanced through. The first of these alternatives, says the correspondial. My experience in life shows me that a young girl may love an old man, "is immortal. My experience in life shows me that a young girl may love an old man intensely, inviting and man most interesting.

Kansas City Star.

Old Cassius Clay on "love" is a thousand times better" than Schopenhauer or Saltus or any of the pessimistic school, "Love," says Kentucky's grand old man, "is immortal. My experience in life shows me that a young girl may love an old man intensely, inviting and man most interesting. rency issues of the country in the hands of national banks.

Clew to Mrs. Matson's Murderer. TOPEKA, Dec. 22.-The most important levelopments today in the Matson murder case is the identification of the slung shot case is the identification of the stung snot with which Mrs. Matson was struck and which was found wrapped in the carpet about her head. This weapon, it is declared, belonged to Belson Bailey, a colored man who was a tenant of Mrs. Matson's. Bailey disappeared from Topeka last Monday, and it is learned has gone to Chattanooga, Tenn. The coroner's inquest adjourned over till

Monday.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.-Eugene T. Casey, a clerk in the Covington, Ky., postoffice, was arrested today and marked money taken from a decoy letter found on him. He confessed. It is estimated he has taken between \$2,000 and \$3,000 from the mails within a year.

Body Enten by Hogs. TOULON, Ill., Dec. 22.-William H. Dowty, a wealthy young farmer living six miles west of here, was found dead, and partly eaten by hogs, on his farm last night.

good habit is a true friend A hypocrite never fools anybody but bim

We punish ourselves when we hate other

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

No man is pure who is not filled with

love of purity. A civil tongue will protect us where i

The faultfinder works at least ten hours a day for the devil for nothing.

It means something when a cheerful giver puts his hand in his pocket. The man who is satisfied with himself is uch disappointed with other folks. Preaching that is aimed altogether at the

lead is pretty sure to miss the heart. We need more preaching that will keep singers from going to sleep in church. You can't tell anything about a man's religion by the way he behaves when he knows,

ie is watched. The devil probably felt that he could sit: own and rest a little while on the day the cigarette was invented.

The world is full of people who are anxious happy, who are not trying very hard

BLESSED ARE THE GIVERS.

to help anybody to live happy.

Kansas City Journal: It is better to send joy into a destitute household than to build a Contribute to the steeple on a church. mayor's Christmas fund.

Kansas City Times: The plan of the local

Salvation Army to give 1,000 poor people a good dinner Christmas day deserves the co-operation and a contribution from every good citizen. To feed the poor is pure religion. Philadelphia Record: The Lord leveth a cheerful giver, but a giver who is both cheer-ful and sensible must take precedence of all others. A barrel of flour or a ton of coal, for example, is calculated to carry more gladness into the hearts of widows and orphans than costly gimeracks. Better gimeracks, however, than nothing; but something to keep away hunger or cold has more heart

STOCKING YARNS.

Philadelphia Times: Santa Claus yarn makes the most indestructible Christmas stockings.

Syracuse Post: And now she vaselines her ruby lips—the reason you would know? She's getting ready now to pose beneath the mistletoe.

Brooklyn Life: Willie Silmson-You'd better not come around to see my sister tonight. She's out shopping today. Ringway—What has that to do with it? Willie—I guess she has been squeezed mough.

Detroit Free Press: To conjugate the verb "to buy," at Christmas is not pleasant, although the conjugation shows no other tense but present.

Chicago Record: Hobbles-My wife's got me a box of cigars for a Christmas present.
But I'll get even with her.
Pomas-What will you do?
Hobbles-I'm going to select her next hat

myself. Washington Star: "It's better to give than to receive," remarked the man who was full of Christmas enthusissm. "That's very often true." replied his thoughtful friend, "especially with most clears."

Harper's Bazar: Bootblack Christmas eve) Say, Jimmy, does yer leve in Santa Claus Second Bootblack-Naw.

First Bootblack—Den lend me dat stock-ing yer got on yer lef' leg and I'll hand it back in de morning. Chicago Tribune: Uppen A. Cumming— The fact is, sir, women need more exercise, I'm going to give my wife a Christmas present of a football.

Tellus Y. Knott—I'm not. My wife does

enough kicking already.

New York Herald: "I see she has broken off her engagement with him"." "What was the trouble?" "He tried to make the engagement ring do for a Christmas present."

Chicago Inter Ocean: Friend—Whatever made you think of giving your little sister a hammer for a Christmas present. Do you think she will be pleased? Little Brother—I don't know, but after she uses it once she can't have but one TOO MUCH FOR Washington Star.

Washington Star.

He could lift 300 pounds,
Box for ten or twenty rounds;
He could sprint a wondrous distance without stopping;
But his triumphs found a check,
He came out a total wreck
When he finished up a tour of Christmas

Judge: Physician—How did the vaccina-tion work on the boy? Labor Leader's Wife It took splendidly; but my husband says it is the last time he'll engage you for any-thing like that. Physician—Wasn't he sat-isfled? Labor Leader's Wife—Mercy, not It worked more than eight hours a day.

Indianapolis Journal: "Running a societ to pay. There are lots of people who want to see their names in print."

"I don't mind telling you, old man, that I make the most of my money off people who don't want to see their names in print."

Chicago Record: Hobbers—I hear that American wine company you organized went to smash. What was the matter— grapes give out? Hobbles—No; we lost our supply of French.

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the Bankers Magazine suggests that there are other causes than excess of production to account for the low price of wheat. One of these, and he thinks the most important, is the decrease in the cost of transportation. Another is the cheapened cost of production. The machines which cnormous establishments are turning out many thousands each year are not only more effective than the maghines used in the past, but very much cheaper. Thus millions are enabled to use them who formerly could not. This writer says: "Farmling is the most conservative of all occupations and the slowest to feel the march of human progress. But the change which has been going to the purpose of the contain a product on the battlefield, which shall contain a land to this land, and the whole, including the cemeter of the production to account for the low price etery, is to be known as the Gettysburg National park. The bill carries an appropriation of \$100,000, and the secretary of war is to have general supervision over the park, which is to be in charge of the commission already appointed for the purpose of locating and acquiring lands under a resolution more effective than the maghines used in the past, but very much cheaper.

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And she switches him off neatly.
The uninterrupted tells me what she knows
I want to know.
Yet there are no honeyed phrases,
For the "chief" is "keeping cases,"
But she manages to tell me something more
than mere "Hello," classes who have talent the opportunity many thousands each year are not only acquiring lands under a resolution to acquire a thorough musical education more effective than the muchines used passed last session. The lands to be at small cost, giving to such as possess in the past, but very much cheaper, acquired, which were occupied in the extraordinary abilities free instruction. Thus millions are enabled to use them principal operations of the infantry, ar-It is an essential part of the plan of the who formerly could not. This writer Although I've never seen her, management to gather from all parts of says: "Farming is the most conserva- and third days' fight, contain 3,874