EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

GENTLE NIGHT EYES.

tie Night eyes of mine, 'neath those far away Where the tropical sun sheds its giory of gold, low the pilgrim, once charmed with thy laughin light, sighs For the welcoming glance he no more may be

Many charms may the Pearl of the Antilles claim, Where luxuriant spring holds unwithering sway, But its verdure and flowers, though so gaudy, are

To the lily and rose, which upon thy cheeks play

Many mirroring pool fleck its valleys of green,
Many cool larit fountains in marble beds dance
Yet how lifeless and languid is every such scene,
When compared with thy bright and enraptur
ing glance.

Though the moonlight assort on the balcony falls.

And the birds sing as gayly, the flowers bloom
as sweet. He who once shared them with thee now vainly Leagues away, the enchantment of each de

Gentle Night eyes, adjeu! in some mystic beyond When the stars are more kind, I may meet thee

again, But till then this poor heart, ever constant and

-Atlanta Constitution.

In a town of the Old Colony, in Massachusetts, there formerly lived a man who was in his own way something of a character. When a boy, according to the tradition, he was running to head off a deer, of which he and his father were in pursuit, when the old man shouted after him, "Streak it, Sam "streaked it"-whether or not he headed off the deer we are not informed—and was known thenceforth as "Streakit Sam."

Streakit Sam lived on the banks of one of the beautiful ponds with which the town is abundantly supplied; but while he was a lover of sport he was also a strict observer of Sunday, and would neverallow any fishing on that day. Less scrupulous persons had more than once tried to hire his boat for that purpose, but always in vain, and one iday some sportsmen determined to steal what they could not get by honest

The boat was found near the shore, out of sight of the house, but almost half full of water from a heavy rain of the night before. The men worked with true fisherman's patience to bail it out, laughing and joking softly all the while, though it took a long time to empty so large a boat with so small a bailing

"There, boys," said the leader, as h threw the last dishful overboard, "she's ready at last. Now for some sport." 'Yas," said a drawling voice behind

them, as Streakit Sam walked out of bushes, "but I'm the man that's goin' to have the sport. I seen you chaps sneakin' over here, an' I come over to say yer can't have no boat of mine to go a-fishin' in Sunday."

"Why in time couldn't you say so b fore we bailed all this water out?"

sermon."—Youth's Companion.

Some Queer Pets. Queer pets are a fashionable fad with whose time hangs heavily on their fair hands. The talkative old parrot and dainty canary have reason for genuine jealousy when their places are usurped by owls, or chameleons, or Brazilian fire beetles in jeweled harnesses. Little white owls are exceedingly interesting birds, and quite intelli-They show in many ways that they deserve their reputation as birds of wisdom. The indignation and contempt which they exhibit toward teasing boys, and the sly, decisive way they sh such offenders with a blow of beak, not less than their bland, patronizing manner toward older persons in authority are intensely amusing. The usual way to keep a chameleon is a box with a glass top and squares of different colors on the bot-The gradual change of the creature's color after he crawls on a different square is not less interesting than the dignity and avidity with which he opens his pale pink jaws to receive a fly.-New York Tribune.

In Capt. Nares' "Voyage to the Polar Beas" instances are mentioned in which the ice has collected round the beards and moustaches of the explorers so thickly that they could not drink without the greatest difficulty. So it was with the eyelashes. If not removed, the ice gradually unites at the corners of the eyes and eventually seals up the eyelids. Cases have occurred of trav-elers being temporarily blinded and unable to see their way.

"Ever been on a school ship?"

"They have a great system of educa

"How so?" They teach the boys, the cooks, the allors, the ropes"-

"What! the ropes?" Yes; even the ropes are taut!"-

Chicago Ledger.

Thought She Used Both Feet, Thump-rattlety-bang went the plano.
"What are you trying to play, Jane?"
called out her father from the next

"It's an exercise: 'First steps in musto," she answered.

"Well, is there nothing you can play with your hands?" he asked.—Chatter

"How's your business?"
"Always slack." "What line are you in!"
"Lime."—Chicago Time

Prince Bismarck threatened some time ago to publish a list of writers whom he formerly kept in his pay, with the amounts he had given them, etc., and it is to be noted that many German papers that used to have a great deal of fun with the ex-Chancellor have stepped the state of the companies and smelter corporations are equally if not greater sufferers.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

kane Falls Bank.

Country West of the Rocky Mountains.

Idaho's population is 84,229—an in rease of 51,319 in ten years.

Tristan Burges, Past Grand Command or of the Knights Templar of California

The total valuation of the property of San Jose, Cal., is \$19,127,459, an increase

No. 3 shaft of the Wellington mine a Nanaimo, B. C., is on fire, and will have to be flooded.

The steamer Wellington ran into the sand on the shore of Coronado beach, but no damage is thought to have been

sustained. The grand jury in Santa Fe, N. M., has found indictments against sixteen citizens for the murder of Faustin Ortiz

In accordance with an act of 1889 Gov ernor Prince of New Mexico has issued a proclamation calling a constitutional

onvention October 7. The works at Kelly in the Magdalens mining district, N. M., were fired by an incendiary, and all hopes of saving them have been abandoned.

B. R. Freeman of Spokane Falls and Drs. J. K. Secord and J. S. Potts of San Jose have been appointed special medi-cal examiners in the pension service.

Joseph Carreros, the Mexican on trial for the murder of another Mexican named Soto at Indio on the desert about a month ago, was acquitted by a jury at San Diego on the ground of self-defense. The Marine Firemen's Association of

San Francisco has received a letter from Nanaimo, asking it to instruct its men bers not to fire with Wellington coal. The association will probably issue the The Cocopah Indians have sent a dele

nation to Governor Torres of Lower Calfornia to protest against the encroach ment of Mexican and American miners upon their placer mines and agricultural The heirs of the estate of Matthew A

Williams, who was killed by the acci-dent at the Webst r-street bridge, Oak-land, on Decoration day, have compro-mised with the Southern Pacific company

Admiral Brown of the Charleston wa dined by the Seattle Chamber of Com-merce the other evening. The Admiral in a speech praised the work begun by ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney and continued by Secretary Tracy.

The bail of Frank Larue, who was boxing with McBride at the Golden Gate Athletic Club, San Francisco, when McBride died, has been reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The bond was originally \$25,000. Larue was tried last week and the jury did not agree.

Fifteen Chinamen, who were refused growled one of the men, angrily.

"Wal," the owner drawled, with a twinkle in his eye, "I thought it 'ud be a kind of a sermon to yer to ball her out an' I never like to brok he are number of Chinase. last month a large number of Chinese have arrived at Victoria, from whence they lay plans for smuggling themselves into the United States.

Baggagemen employed on the South-ern Pacific whose train route ends at Oakland want a rule now in force, requiring them to accompany all baggage across on the steamer to San Francisco revoked. The matter will be laid before the officials through the grievance com mittee of trainmen.

A dam will be built across the North Umpqua at Winchester to cost \$20,000. The river will furnish power to drive the spindles and other machinery of the big coolen factory and other manufactories about to be erected there. This manufacturing plant will furnish employment for hundreds of hands, and will be

The Exchange National bank of Spo kane Falls has been swindled out of \$2, 475 by a handsome young woman givin the name of Rosa Ganth. She was ider the name of Rosa Ganth. She was iden-tified by Mrs. A. C. Edwards, wife of a prominent citizen of Spokane Falls, into whose confidence she had ingratiated herself. The swindle was accomplished by means of a draft raised from \$25 to

It is now definitely known that D. C. Jordan, the forger who is wanted in Arkansas for securing several thousand dollars on fraudulent drafts, and who was traced to Seattle, has managed to make good his escape. The Arkansas author-ities are after him, and a detective is on his way to Seattle in search of the fugi tive. Jordan learned of this evidently he has again mysteriously disap peared.

The Puget Sound and Alaska Steam ship Company's new steamer City of Se attle, which was to have left Philadelphia for Tacoma early in August, has not started. Captain D. B. Johnson. general manager of the company, who is now in Philadelphia, will not let the contract for the new steamer City of Ta-coma until the City of Seattle is thoroughly tested and her sea-going qualities fully ascertained. If she proves all right, the contract for the City of Tacoma will be let to the same company.

From statistics gathered by the Board of Trade it is learned that Aberdeen has shipped lumber as follows since April A. J. West & Co., 3,152,000 the Weatherwax Lumber Company 4,125,000 feet; Wilson Bros., 4,000,000 making a total of 11,277,000 feet of lumber in five months. The local trade has used about 2,500,000 feet in the same time. The Cosmopolis mill has also shipped considerable, and the Hoquian mill has shipped some 3,000,000. The vessels carrying this lumber have all crossed the Gray's Harbor bar, but not an accident has occurred. an accident has occurred.

Improvements, especially of railroad construction, in Colorado are greatly reconstruction, in Colorado are greatly re-larded through the inability of the com-panies to secure labor. The Denver and Rio Grande are the greatest sufferers. They have at present under construction the Grand Junction branch, 65 miles long; the Rio Grande Southern, 185 miles; the Viliagecove branch, 60 miles; the great tunnel through the Tennessee pass, besides a very great amount of tween Port Huron and Sarnia, Ontario, a standstill on this account. The officials of the road say they can give employment to 5,000 to 8,000 men on these new with their cheers. This marks the com-

EASTERN ITEMS.

A Young Woman Swindles a Spo The Tunnel Under the St. Clair Prince Bismarck Muzzles the Ger-River About Completed.

> York Confesses to a Murder in Denmark.

Texas will call in her frontier defense

Silver is the most active feature Wall-street speculation

It is said that Edison has perfected isoless electric motor.

Cape May proposes henceforth to be winter as well as a summer resort. It is said that several more Baltimore breweries will be bought up by English

The Chicago gas trust is reported to have cleared over \$1,000,000 in the last

Counterfeit silver dollars have been discovered in the vaults of the sub-treas-ury at Philadelphia.

Much alarm is felt at the spread of diphtheria in the mining towns of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

The Atlanta Constitution thinks that more than two-thirds of the next Geor-gia Legislature will be farmers. Chief-Justice Morton of the Massa chusetts Supreme Court has tendered his

resignation prompted by failing health. James Gordon Bennett has leased for \$60,000 a year a lot at Broadway and Thirty-fifth street for a new Herald of-

Property along the Hudson river for residential purposes is held at figures to sell higher than have prevalled for sev-A large butter and cheese firm at Mon

treal has been seized for importing the best American butter and entering it as an inferior article. The New York health authorities fear that there is a slight return of la grippe in that city, and it is said Southern vis-

tors are especially susceptible to it. In 1880 there were nineteen out of thirty-eight States each with a popula-tion of less than a million. There are now only seventeen out of forty-four.

Under the new law men who have enlisted in the regular army of the United States and served one year may obtain their discharge by the payment of \$120.

Miss Francis E. Willard says there is a movement on foot looking to a union for work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Salvation Army,

White caps are threatening the "stayout-lates" at Arlington, N. J., with con-dign punishment. Some have already been pelted with rocks while returning The elevated railways in Brooklyn ar

all resisting taxation. Some of their of-ficers say openly that the roads should not be taxed until they are on a paying basis; others complain of overa Shing Woon, the Chinese Consul at

New York, says he was requested by the Chinese Minister at Washington to no-tify the public that China had not agreed to Corea's plan to negotiate a loan of \$1,-The latest site offered to the World's Fair directory is in the northern part of the city, and borders on Lake Michigan. It is five and a half miles from the cen-

ter of the city. An oil well has been opened at Findlay, O., which flowed over 1,000 barrels the first hour, and in seven hours filled 6,340 barrels. This breaks the record of

oil wells in Ohio, if not in the world, Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, who is about to be sworn in as a member of the Que-bec Cabinet, is believed to be the first Irish Land Leaguer to become a Minister of the Crown in the Queen's domin-

kata wheat crop is said to threaten thousands of farmers with bankruptcy. Settlers will have to be aided with food during the next twelve months and supplied with seed in the spring.

The man who is believed to be the chief conspirator in the Minneapolis census frauds is in Canada, and he proposes to resist extradition on the ground that his offense was not a common forgery, but rather a political crime.

A convention of Governors of all the cotton States has been called to meet at Atlanta. The convention will consider the matter of direct trade with Liverpool; also questions relating to weights, freights and the handling of cotton.

All the brick in New York have been used. Six million bricks are daily used in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, and brickmakers along the Hudson and about Philadelphia have cut off the supply. The union workmen of the sup-ply. The union workmen of the three cities boycotted the Hudson-river man-agers, and this is the result. One hun-dred thousand men will be compelled to

Alexander Philipsen, who arrived at New York with his wife and two chil-dren in the steerage of the Hamburg steamship Normandie, has confessed to the murder of the man whose body was discovered in a barrel of lime that was brought to this country on a steamship from Denmark and seized for duties by the customs officials a few months ago.

real-estate investors in Chicago. There are those who bought land near Jackson park at fancy prices, thinking it settled that the World's Fair would be located there. Some of them paid \$300 to \$400 per front foot for property that five months ago would not have brought one-sixth of that, and unless the fair should after all go to Jackson park, not a few of

A scheme is to build a railway eastward from Quebec some eighty miles to St. Charles bay on the Labrador Coast, from which point large steamers are expected to make the voyage to Milford haven, Wales, in three and a half days, is proexpected that passengers and perishable freight can be carried from Chicago to London inside of seven days. The pro-visional directory is composed of wealthy

The workmen engaged upon the two ends of the St.-Clair-river tunnel be-

FOREIGN NEWS.

man Press by a Threat.

Condensed News From All Parts of the An Immigrant on His Arrival at New The Provincial Treasurer of Soochow, China, Becomes a Great Moral Reformer of the Drama.

The Russian import duty on sugar has

The British have assumed possession Several steamers have taken military

applies up the Danube to Servia. Several earthquake shocks have re-cently been felt in the Danube valley. A New York dentist has the pleasure of operating upon the Czar of Russia.

Prince Bismarck is closely watched, so that he is unable to talk with newspaper There is said to be an alarming increase

Englishmen rejoice that the proposed restoration of Westminster has been

in the death rate at Naples the last few

Experiments with steam life-boats ave recenty been made at Liverpool and Havre.

Fires have swept the Soukaras forest in Algiers. Two villages were destroyed by the conflagration. Surgeons in the French army by a re-cent military order have been forbidden

to practice hypnotism. Army men, who profess to know all about it, assert that the much-talked-of smokeless powder is not a success.

Of late there has been an increase of

the bitter feeling in Paris toward Germans, especially in public places. And now comes news of a phosphate trust headed by the Duke of Westmin-ster and others of the English nobility.

Resident Hebrews in London are to build in that city the largest and finest synagogue in the world, to cost £100,-

Great Britain intends to use a part of the revenue to be derived from the new duty on spirits to promote technical ed-The returns from the excise revenue

in England are this year so good that Mr. Goschen will have a very large surplus to devote to free education. 'The Corn Millers' Association of Leeds, England, has advanced the price of flour

Is 6d per sack. This makes an advance of 4s 6d within a month. Herr Krupp, the great gun manufact-urer, has a plan for connecting the city of Vienna with the Danube by canal, The Austrian government is considering

Emperor William is not, it is reported, at all generous in the matter of "vails, as gratuities left by royal personages are called. The English flunkies at the palace are disgused with him, Count Villanova, accompanied by a

guide and porters, recently started to make the ascent of Mount Blanc, Nothing has been heard of the party since, and it is feared that all have perished. Reports from twenty-five centers of

It is stated that the Sultan has agreed in principle to a number of reforms in Armenia involving communal autonomy and the admission of Armenians to a share in the administration of the vil-

avets. A dispatch from Rome says that a big Socialistic intricacy has been unearthed in that city. A large number of bomb-shells were found in the houses of workingmen belonging to secret societies, to be used in case of an outbreak,

The French government has accepted the Italian government's proposal for a convention to establish an international maritime service on the Red sea. The object is the suppression of cholera England's adhesion is doubtful.

Terrible stories of distress are reported from Tokay, where the fire is not yet entirely extinguished. Men, women and children are constantly running about the desolated streets wringing their hands and calling on heaven for help.

A bombshell was thrown into the office of the Chief of Police at Trieste, and exploded, severely wounding the Secre-tary. It is supposed to have been the work of Italian Republicans, who advocate the annexation of Trieste to Italy.

Chinese supremacy in the tea trade bids fair to find a rival in a few years in Asiatic Russia. Already large shipments from the tea plantations in Russian Central Asia are made to England annually and a considerable proportion of the product finds its way to the United States.

The Bismarck monument fund, which is being collected despite the ex-Chancellor's prejudice against monuments of himself, now amounts to some \$135,000. The members of the reading room of the Society of German Students in Prague recently resolved to subscribe \$250 to the fund, but were prevented by the Chief of Police, who threatened to dissolve their organization in case the contribu-

has issued a proclamation commanding managers of theaters in Shanghai to desist from the representation of immoral plays. Restaurants and other places of plays. Restairants and once paces of public interest must discontinue employing female performers. "Immoral plays," the Provincial Treasurer says, "excite the female mind, and sometimes lead women to imitate the wicked actions portrayed on the stage." Because theaters have "been established so long that it would be impossible to wean the public mind from them so far as to permit of abolishing them," all that can be done is to purge them from their "sen-sational, degrading and licentious"

The organization of the Coos Bay Roseburg and Eastern Railroad and Navigation Company has been completed at Roseburg, Or.

PERNICIOUS EFFECTS OF TOBACCO.

dote against the influence of tobacco which the smoker or chewer of the weed pletion of the greatest river tunnel in the world and probably the greatest piece has, and it should be taken regularly to of engineering in this country. It is eleven feet longer than the Brooklyn bridge.

Which the smoker or chewer of the weed has, and it should be taken regularly to prevent the heart from becoming diseased. Descriptive treatise with each bottle, or address Mack Drug Co., N. Y.

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Fairchild in St. Paul Pioneer Press.

PORTLAND MARKET

Whear-The export demand is good and trading fairly active. Receipts are increasing and offerings more liberal. Shippers quote: Valley, \$1.2736; Walla Walla, nominally, \$1.20. FLOUR-Quote: Standard, \$3.90; Walla

Walla, \$3.60@3.80 per barrel.
OATS—Quote: 47½@50c per bushel.
Milletupps — The market is firm. Quote: Bran, \$17@19; Shorts, \$23@25; Ground Barley, \$32.50; Chop Feed, \$25; Middlings, \$25 per ton. Hay—The market is firm. Quote:

\$16@17 per ton. VEGETABLES - The market is firm. Quote: Cabbage, \$1.75@2 per cental; Peas, 3c per pound; Onions and Lettuce, 15c per dozen bunches; California Onions, 234@3c; Oregon, 214c per pound; String Beans, 3c per pound; Cucumbers, 10c per dozen; Carrots, 10@15c per bunch; Asparagus, 10c per pound; Beets, \$1.50 per sack; Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; Corn, 10c per dozen; California Tomatoes, \$1@1.25 per box; Potatoes, 75c@\$1 per cental; Sweet Potatoes, 4@

Faurrs—Quote: Tahiti Oranges, \$4.25 per box; California Lemons, \$5 per box; fancy Sicily, \$9@10 per case; Peach and Bradshaw Plums, 75@80c per box; Mad-eline Pears, 90c@\$1; Oregon Bartletts, \$1.25@1.50 per box; Pineapples, \$3.50@ 4 per dozen; Bananas, \$3.75 per bunch; double, \$6; Oregon Astrachan Apples, 75c@\$1; Gravenstein, \$1@1.15 per box; Crawford Peacnes, \$125@1.40; other varieties, \$1.15@1.25 per box; Nectarines, \$1.50@1.75 per box; Black-berries, 8½c per pound, \$1.90@2 per 24-pound crate; California Watermelons, \$2.50@3 per dozen; Cantaloupes, \$1.50@2 per dozen;

Crabapples, \$1 per box. Receipts the past week were 2,010 boxes and 8 carloads. CHERSE—Quote: Oregon, 11@12%c; California, 9%@10c; Young America, 14 @15c per pound. BUTTER—The market is firm. Quote:

Oregon fancy dairy, 30c; fancy creamery, 3234c; good to fair, 25@2734c; common, 20@2234c; choice California, 28c per

Pourray-The market is firm. Quote: Old Chickens, \$5; large Spring, \$3 @4; small Spring, \$2@2.50; old Ducks, \$4.50@5; young, \$5@6; old Geese, young, \$8@9 per dozen; Turkeys, 15c per pound.

Eggs-The market is firm. 5c per dozen for Oregon. Nurs-Quote: Walnuts, 13c; Peanuts, green, 11c; Almonds, 17c; Filberts, 13 @14c; Brazils, 13@14c per pound; Cocoanuts, \$1 per dozen.

HONEY—Fancy White, 1-pound car-

toons, 13c. POTATOES-Quote: 75@85c per cental. Nams—Base quotations: Iron, \$3.20; Steel, \$3.30; Wire, \$3.90 per keg.

The Merchandise Market. Sugars-The market is firm. Quote: Golden C, 4%c; extra C, 5%c; dry granu-lated, 6%c; cube crushed and powdered,

6% per pound.

Beans—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, \$3.25; Pink, \$4; Bayos, \$4.50; Butter, \$3; Limas, \$5.50 per cental. DRIED FRUITS-The market is steady. Quote: Plummer dried Pears, 10@11c;

Quote: Plummer dried Fears, 10@11c; undried and factory Plums, 5½@6c; Peaches, sub-dried, 10½c; evaporated Peaches, 16½@17c; Smyrna Figs, 14@ 16c; California Figs, 9c per pound. Canned Goods—Market is firm. Quote: Table fruits, \$2.25, 2½s; Peaches, \$2.50; Bartlett Pears, \$2.25; Plums, \$1.65; Strawberries, \$2.25; Cherries, \$2. Black-Strawberries, \$2.25; Cherries, \$2; Black-berries, \$1.85@1.95; Raspberries, \$2.25@ 2.50. Pie fruit: Assorted, \$3.50 dozen; Peaches, \$1.25@1.30; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.65; Tomatoes, \$1.10@3.50; Sugar Peas, \$1.40@1.60; String Beans, \$1

HIDES-The market is weak. Quotapopulation in County Donegal, Ireland, show that the potato blight is gravest in congested districts like Falcarragh and over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 30@50c; medium, 60@80c; long, 90c@\$1.25; shearlings, 10@20e; Tallow, good to choice, 3 @33cc. Receipts the past week were

48,275 pounds. Wool.—The market is dull. Quotations: Eastern Oregon, 10@16c; Valley. 16@18c per pound. Receipts the past week were 100,745 pounds.

Pickles—Quote: 85c 3s; 90c 5s. Salt — Quote: Liverpool, \$17.50, \$18.50, \$19.50; stock, \$11@12 per ton in carload lots. COAL OIL-Quote: \$2,20 per case.

RICK-Quote: 61/2e per pound.

The meat market is firm. Quote: Beef—Live, 3@3½c; dressed, 7c. Mutton—Live, 3@3½c; dressed, 7c. Hogs—Live, 5@5½c; dressed, 7c. Veal—5@8c per pound, Spring Lambs—\$2 each,

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD. The market is firm. Quotations: Eastern Hams, 13@14c; Breakfast Ba-con, 13@14c; Sides, 10@115c; Lard, 10@11c per pound.

A Polyphonic Organ.

A grand gan is being built at Crems for the sanctuary of Valle di Pompei. It is called a polyphonic or gan. The chief characteristic of the instrument is the perfect imitation which it can produce of almost the whole orchestra, especially of the strings and wood wind. It has three keyboards, each with 61 notes, 34 ped als and 2,000 pipes, divided into 40 registers.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Thomas Congley, of Dover, England, said to be the heaviest of her majesty's many subjects. He is an intelligent and espectable citizen, 42 years old, having en born (of parents not above the normal size) in 1348. As a baby he was conidered small and not over healthy. His resent weight is 40 stone (560 pounds); The moral reformer of China is the weight, 6 feet 3-4 inch; measurement of "Provincial Treasurer of Soochow." He waist, 80 inches, and of legs, 25.—St.

> "To marry your daughter is the sole object of my life, sir." "Rata! Young man, any one can do that Get an object in life that you will have to struggle for."-Munsey's

> "I read them with considerable profit "Yes. I was paid \$25 for correcting the proof sheets."—Harper's.

"I see no good in his books."

Complaints have been made that the treasury agents and customs authorities at San Francisco were careless in the work of inspecting such dutiable parcels as came by Asiatic and other mails which are landed in this country on the Pacific Coast, and an investigation is to be made by a special officer. Dutiable articles, it is said, have passed

THE ROSE AND THE FERN.

Lady, life's sweetest lesson would'st thou learn, Come thou with me to love's enchanted bowe High overhead the trellised roses burn. Beneath thy feet behold the feathery fern— A leaf without a flower.

What though the rose leaves fall? They still a and have been lovely in their beauteous prime While the bare frond seems ever to repeat,
"For us no bud, no blossom, wakes to greet
The joyous flowering time!"

Heed thou the lesson. Life has leaves to tread glows; Wait not till autumn's fading robes are shed, But while its petals still are burning red Gather life's full blown rose! —Oliver Wendell Holmes in Atlantic.

From the list of cities in which lights are supplied by private companies we take the following statement of the number of lamps and annual charge per lamp. where the lighting continues all night and the lamps are of (nomin...l) 2,000 candle power: Alliance, O., 8 lights at \$144; Chattanooga, Ten ... 30 lights at \$121.66; Fall River, 50 lights at \$180; Portsmouth, N. H., 60 lights at \$100; Petersburg, Va., 82 lights at \$96; Bin

hamton, 99 lights at \$140; Indianapolis 100 at \$80; Atlanta, Ga., 100 at \$120; Boston, 105 at \$180; Milwaukee, 130 at \$150; Reading, 156 at \$146.75; Dayton, O., \$200 at \$150; Poughkeepsie, 212 at \$123; Harrisburg, 270 at \$90; Philadel-phia, 800 at \$177; New Orleans, 11,010 at \$130; New York city, 1,357 at \$90. In some of these cities the contract has

been made with two or three different companies, but in no such case is there any difference in the charge-in other words, competition does not give lower rates. Let us now give the figures obtained from those cities which own their own electric lighting plants. Huntingdon has 50 lights, \$48.64; Decatur, Ill., 52 at \$60; Dunkirk, N. Y., 55 at \$36.50; Madison, Ind., 85 at \$48; Lewiston, Me. 96 at \$42; Hannibal, Mo., 96 at \$52; Chicago, 292 at \$65. Taking an average of the whole of the two tables, from which we have only quoted a portion, we find that the average price paid to private companies is \$105.13, and that the same article furnished by the city itself costs \$52,12 1-2 per light per year.—Engineering and Building Record.

Praise of the French Peasant. The common notion of the French

peasant as a narrow minded, penurious and not too moral person receives no support from Mr. Frederic Harrison, whose personal study of French rural life has nevertheless been very considerable. The indomitable endurance of the French race has, he reminds us, enabled France to surmount crushing disasters, losses and disappointments under which another race would have sunk. She bears with ease a national debt, the annual charge of which is more than double that of wealthy England, and a taxation nearly double that of England, with almost the same population—a permanent taxation that exceeds 100 francs per head, and is greater than has ever before been borne by any other people. She lost over one war a sum not much short of the whole national debt of England. and she has written off without a murmur a loss of £48,000,000, thrown into the Panama canal. If France is thus strong, the backbone of her strength is. in Mr. Harrison's opinion, found in the marvelous industry and thrift of her peasantry.-London News.

A Cunning Dog.

A good dog story is always appreciated, because canine sagacity seems inexhaustman owned a very intelligent Newfoundland dog, who accompanied his master wherever he went, and was his inseparable companion in his visits and to church. One evening the gentleman went to visit a neighbor. The dog attended him. It was quite late when the gentleman started for home and, to his surprise, the dog could not be found.

After the family had retired there was great noise in the kitchen. It was supposed that burglars were robbing the house. Soon there was a crash and a smash like the breaking of a window, and then all was still. The morning revealed the mystery. The dog had fallen asleep under the table. He had realized that his master had gone home, and the noise heard was the attempt of the dog to make his escape. As there was no other way to get out the sagacious animal went through the window, taking the glass and frame with him.

It was a long time before his master visited that house again. When he did. his dog accompanied him, and the animal found his way through the open door of the kitchen to his old hiding place under the table. When the master was about to start for home neither his hat nor cane could be found. After a long search the dog was discovered fast asleep under the table; one paw was on his master's hat, the other resting on his stick. How the dog obtained possession of those articles no one could tell. He remembered his last visit to the place, and how scurvily he had been treated. The sagacious creature resolved not to be left behind next time. He knew that his master could not go home without the hat and stick, and that he would be awakened when the owner got ready to start. His plans were scutely laid, and if he had been human he could not have done better.—Boston Budget.

Speaking of symmetry in the building of cities, the people of Berlin, Germany, are quite logical and successful in their methods. In that city uniformity in building is preserved by a municipal law that dictates the height of edifices according to the width of the street. For instance, on a street sixty feet wide the law provides, I think, that houses over four stories in height shall not be erected thereon. On streets eighty feet wide the height is six stories, and on other streets in proportion, thus giving tall houses to wide streets and less altitudinous buildings to narrow streets. I may not have mentioned the exact dimensions of streets and houses, but that is the general plan of the system. By this means great and, I think, attractive uniformity is secured.

Again in Berlin the people cannot build residences or business houses anywhere they please. The city has been built up solidly and compactly simply because the law compelled buildings to be erected adjoining each other either on the south. north, east or west extensions. A cannot build a tall minaret on some isolated lot away from B, but he must, in order to build at all, secure the land adjoining the last house built, in either direction

SOME OLD FASHIONED STOCKS

Millionaire Jay Gould Tells About & Their Uses Near New York It was not till 1700 or 1797 that church was erected in Harpersfield was built from contributions made by the inhabitants, each one furnishing mathe inhabitants, each one furnishing ma-terial of some kind, such as hewn timber boards, shingles, etc., being so very poor at the time that few could furnish an money. The same year a place was built called stocks, and a whipping post pre-pared by Isaac Pierce for the purpose of inflicting punishment on any who had inflicting punishment on any who had been charged with crime and found guilty of the same by a jury. A good deal of curiosity was exhibited, especially among the fair sex, to get a glimpse of the ordeal, and after they were completed Alexander Harper, who

was fond of an innocent joke, invited

his wife to accompany him and examin

the stocks, which were so arranged tha

by placing the criminal's foot in and

making it fast he could not escape. He

therefore requested his wife to put he

foot in, telling her that "that fool of a Pierce had made them, and they would not hold any one." She put in her foot and he let down the block, locked the same fast and walked off amid the hearty laugh of the specta tors and her own earnest entreaties, but soon returned and released her. It was however, regarded as a rich joke for many years afterward. But one person was ever whipped at the post, and he soon left the county. It may be remarked in this place that three whipping posts were erected in Delaware county at about the same period—the one al-ready mentioned, in Harpersfield, one on the place now owned by ex-Sheriff Thomas, but then in possession of Silas Knapp, who kept a grocery there for several years, and the other near Col

There was but one person whipped, as have been able to learn, at either of the last named whipping posts. This person was one Turner, a carpenter by trade The charge which was brought against him, and which he finally confessed, was stealing some fifty pounds of flour be longing to Ezra Hait, from Squire Rose's mill. After sentence was passed he was fastened in the stocks, which were constructed of heavy plank, hollowed out above and below sufficiently to contain a man's legs when the planks were shot together. They were secured by a lock He was left in the stocks for a day, furnishing a good mark for the boys, who showered him with rotten eggs. The next day he was taken out and fastened to the whipping post, when the remainder of his sentence, fifty lashes, was inflicted when he was allowed to leave the county, which he was not long in doing .- Jay

Dimmick's in Middletown.

Gould's History of Delaware County. A Veteran Now a Tramp

The queerest pair of tramps that Philadelphia people ever looked upon stood at the corner of Ninth and Walnut streets and begged alms from the passing throng Both men supported themselves or crutches. One had only a stump of leg, and the other mendicant's right limb was minus the foot and ankle. Their clothes were desperately shabby, and they seemed so utterly woe begone that dime, which was promptly accepted Little else money came their way until the closing of the matinee at the Walnut

street theatre. Presently there came along a tall and well dressed man, who put a silver quarter into the palm of the one whose les was closely shorn off. He had hardly made the gift before he wheeled aroun and looked the recipient of it squarely in the face. "I ought to know you, my

man," he said. "And I know you, colonel," was the

"Were you not wounded at the battle of Charles City Cross Roads?"
"I was shot there, but I fought it through and got my serious wound un-

der your command on the morning that Gen. Lee surrendered." "Today is the anniversary of the surrender," said the colonel. He plunged his hand into his pocket and drew out a pile of silver and some paper money. Selecting from the lot a \$5 note, he pressed it into the hand of the veteran, who had turned mendicant, and wended his way up Walnut street.-Philadel

He Was Ready to Be Baptized. "When I first arrived in New Zee land," said an Anglican bishop, "a Maori chief came to me and said that he wished to be baptized. I knew that he had two wives, so I told him that he must first persuade one of them to return to her family. He said he feared that would be difficult: but that he would see what could be done and come back to me in two months. When he returned he exclaimed: 'Now, missionary, you may baptize me, for I have only one wife.' asked: 'What have you done with our dear sister, your first wife?' He replied,

San Francisco Argonaut. Not "Well Instructed" in French City Daughter (entertaining Father Hazeed at dinner)-Papa, dear, you oughtn't to eat pastry with your knife. If any of my city friends should be dining with me they would think you were not quite au fait.

smacking his lips: 'I have eaten her.' "-

Papa Hazeed-I don't care whether they think I'm off A or nigh A, or gee haw buck A; when I eat pie I'm going to eat it my way, and don't you forget

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