#### The Palles Daily Chronicle.

#### THE CONGO RAILROAD.

Native Africans Have at Last Co to Help Build It.

Maj. Thys, who is in charge of building the Congo railroad, sent a letter home to Brussels, a short time ago, that excited much surprise. He said that the Congo natives themselves had at last begun to show much interest in the iron highway that is building through their villages, and many of them are now employed in the work.

During the two years since the building of the road began the enterprise has not been able until now to com-mand the services of the Congo natives. They were glad to engage in the carrier service, but drew the line at digging on the railroad. The company was compelled to import all its rail-road labor from Zanzibar and ports along the Gulf of Guinea, and this was inconvenient and expensive.



ly this year quite a large party of laborers were taken to the and put to work on the railroad. only are the Congo natives now for wages on the road, but, Maj. Thys writes, many of them who are not in the service daily visit the cene of track laying and work for hours, apparently for the fun of it. Our picture is taken from a photo-

raph sent to Europe by Capt. Weyns, howing a number of these natives enged in laying track. They are in arge of a white superintendent. Maj. Thys says they are as easily taught ow to do good work on a railroad as any black men he has ever had in his service. They have not grown weary of their new work, and the prospects are that the Congo railroad labor problem is solved. If this experiment suc casels, the company will have overcome one of its greatest difficulties. The railroad is now approaching the more populous districts of the lower Congo. and the company hopes to draw its working force from these villages inof importing labor from the Guinea coast. Things have evidently moved on the Congo since Stanley labored in vain, to induce these same natives to help him carry his first loads of supplies up the river, when he was on his way to the Stanley Pool to found

#### NOVELTIES OF THE HOUR.

his first station.

BRIDGET PENDERGAST, after a sleep of two years' duration, recently shook off her drowsiness, in the Central hospital at Indianapolis.

THE jaw of a woman became paralyzed while she was talking through a telephone at Dover, Del., the other day. An attempt to force open her jaw resulted in its fracture. A HARTFORD barber has a piano in

his back room, for the entertainment of his patrons while they await their turns in the operating chairs. Since this innovation his patronage has fall-en off. He can't understand it.

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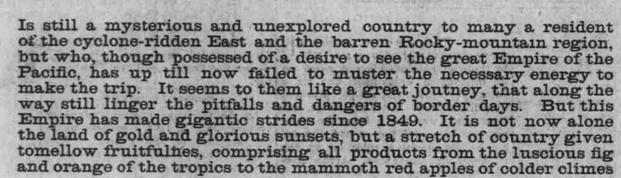
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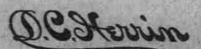
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