No wine was served at the inaugural

The proceeds of the inaugural ball were about \$60,000.

Whitelaw Reid will, it is said, be appointed minister to England.

Ex-Governor Porter, of Indiana, will be appointed minister to Rome.

Senator Ingalls was elected president

pro tem of the senate Thursday. The Republicans have a majority of

three in the House of Representatives. Attorney-General Garland will locate in New York and resume the practice of

Justicz Stanley Matthews, of the supreme court, is reported to be dangerous-

Judgz Gresham will be appointed to the supreme bench to fill the first va-

A delegation is in Washington for the purpose of an early change in Arizona's

The new British minister, Sir Julian Pauncefote, will arrive in Washington this week.

The colored man appears to be quite numerous around Washington since the inauguration.

Ex-Representative Wren, of Nevada, is being urged for commissioner of the genzral land office.

It is asserted that Mr. Kasson will represent the United States at Berlin in the Samoan conference.

Congressman Springer has been presented with an elaborate leather medal by admiring Dakotans.

The supreme court has continued the case of Chae Chang Ping from the 11th to the 25th of this month.

Postmaster-General Wannamaker has purchased the Frelinghuysen mansion in Washington for \$80,000.

A resolution has been introduced in the senate for the purchase of \$4,000,000 worth of silver bullion a month.

James H. Beatly, of the Wood river mining district, is in Washington a candidate for the Idaho governorship.

The scramble for office by the hungry horde has compelled the President to re strict the hours of micellaneous callers.

Charles E. Coon, of New York, will be appointed assistant secretary of the treasury, to succeed Governor Thompson.

A new chief of the railway mail service will be appointed, and the general reorganization of the service entered upon.

Dr. C. C. O'Donnell, of San Francisco. is in Washington with the view of enlightening the capitol on the evil of Chi-

Representatives from thirteen states were in attendance at the national green-back conference held in Washington last back conference held in Washington last

Ex-Secrative Whitney, with others, as purchase a controlling interest in has purcha the New York Loan and Improvement company.

The Government has recovered \$1000 penalty from Joseph and John Lees of Philadelphia for importing contract labor at their mills.

The new senators sworn in are, Bar-bour of Virginia, Higgins of Delaware, McMillan of Michigan and Marston of New Hampshire.

Vice-President Morton has bought the Bell residence in Washington and gave his check for \$95,000 in payment for the property. He will spend about \$10,000 more in repairs.

The Pennsylvania roops at the inauguration ceremonies "fought nobly," that is they vanquished the police and de-

molished all the free lunches in town. Last Monday President Harrison entered upon his official duties in earnest. Heaeafter less time will be accorded to

hand-shakers and chronic office-seekers. The name "Grover Cleveland" in big gold letters, appears on the window at Chief Justice Chase, was arrested in 45 William street, New York, with the New York Monday for stealing a pair of names of Bangs, Stetson, Tracy and diamond ear-rings. McVeagh.

One of the most interesting incidents of the Inauguration day celebration at of Godas, the half-breed murderer, to im-Washington was the initiation into the prisonment for life. Grand Army of the Republic of ex-

Speaker Samuel J. Randall. The navy department has postponed from March 15th to April 3d the time for receiving proposals for the construction of an armored coast defense vessel. The

order was Secretary Tracy's first official act. Senator Riddleberger was forcibly ejected from the Senate Sunday by order of President Ingalls. The Virginia Sena-

tor was in an intoxicated condition and could not be prevailed upon to keep quiet. The conduct of the Pennsylvania militia attending the inaugural ceremonies was marked all along by disgraceful scenes. Their rowdyish acts and drunken

debaucheries culminated in almost a John H. Walsh, ex-Superintendent of the United States Treasury, was arrested at Washington Sunday for passing a worthless check for \$141 on Manager

of his hotel bill. General Sherman has made an urgent personal request of the President that General Joseph E. Johnston be retained in the office of railroad commissioner. Johnston surrendered to Sherman twen-

ty-four years ago. state commerce commission, held in Washington Thursday, a resolution was adopted recommending the adoption of automatic signals for the protection of life on all railroads.

MENACE TO EUROPE.

A Niece of Chief Justice Chase Arrested in New York-The Tragic Sequel to an Illinois Elopement-A Remedy for Rabbis.

King Milan has abdicated.

midnight.

Patrick Egan is in New York. A black man is the champion wrestler

Nevada saloons will hereafter close at

There is a probability of an Eastern railroad war.

Fifty colored men are studying for the priesthood in Rome.

The Maine Senate has vetoed against the Australian Ballot bill.

Prince Kraptokin has settled in Lon-

don for the rest of his life. The Arizona council is making itself conspicuous by its ignorance.

The woman suffrage bill has been defeated in the Maine legislature.

A marked increase in hostility to foreigners is noticeable in China.

An epidemic of rabies has appeared in Wetzel county, West Virginia.

Damaseus has 150,000 inhabitants and is soon to have gas and street cars.

The German Emperor now has his Berlin palace lighted by electricity.

Zurich capitalists are to utilize the falls of the Rhine for electrical purposes. Crown Prince Alexander was pro-

claimed King of Servia Thursday. is the result of the late Ontario bridge dis- daily.

The capital stock of the Pullman Car company has been increased to \$25,000,- Saturday.

Stanhope, the British secretary of war, believes that a great European war is im-

Silver ore yielding from \$5000 to \$12,-000 a ton has been discovered at Maroon, last week.

Wednesday twelve firemen were crushed to death.

The consolidation of the Northern Pacific and the Wisconsin Central railroads is announced.

The consolidation of the branch lines of the Union Pacific centering at Ogden, miserable farce. is announced. Nathan A. Wilson, secretary of the

Cleveland Stove company, committed suicide Wednesday. Floquet, the French Premier, at one

time got a small salary for getting up stuff | the United States. in a newspaper office.

Pacific and Union Pacific workmen in Lower California. Jefferson canyon, Montana.

The Nevada legislature has passed a denounced for his action in vetoing the bill to refund the money paid by drum- disincorporation bill. mers to sell goods in the state.

It has been discovered that fuice of the pluco or magic plant on the 1sthmus is a certain remedy for hydrophobia.

The bodies of three murdered women were recovered from the bed of the Rio of the kind on the earth. Grande river at El Paso, Wednesday.

W. P. Mays and J. C. Leisure, of Oreon, are in Washington, both candidates for United States attorney for Oregon.

Two Chinamen were arrested at Milwankee Thursday for enticing young girls into their dens for immoral purposes.

In London the windows of private houses are washed by a limited liability company at the rate of 8 cents a window.

General George B. Williams, of Indiana has been decorated by the Emperor of Japan with the order of the Rising

General Adam Badeau is again before the public in a lawsuit, in connection with his work, "The Life of General

Grant. An elopement culminated in Earlville, Ill., Wednesday, by the man killing the

girl, 13 years old, and then committing suicide Mrs. Sarah C. Leland, niece of the late

The governor of Montana has been petitioned to commute the death sentence

Wm. Cromleigh, of Lisburn, Pa., saw

his best girl at church with another man, and immediately retired and put a bullet through his own brain.

Mrs. Ann Driscoll decapitated her sleeping husband and attempted to murder her son in a fit of insanity, near Delafield, Wis., Wednesday. The government has forbidden large

deputations to visit General Boulanger's shot and killed a man on the opposite house, and have ordered the officers not side of the target. to salute or recognize him. A score of petitions from fruit growers

of the Niagara district have been present jail Thursday. One prisoner was the total amount planted will sprout and sented to the Dominion Parliament asking for the reimposition of duty on American small fruits.

It is said that American boodlers in Canada are subscribing liberally to secure the defeat of the bill introduced in the Canadian parliament extraditing people of their kind.

worthless check for \$141 on Manager Governor Luce of Michigan declares Downs of the Morton House in payment that the senate of that state is not legally constituted, and refuses to sign bills passed by the legislature.

The Empress of Russia has sent upward of \$50,000 to the St. Petersburg Hospital as a thank offering for her miraculous escape from death in the recent rail road accident to the royal train.

At the conference of the state rail-road commissioners with the inter-tana, threw a lighted lamp at Joe Andertheir workmen son, her lover, Wednesday. The lamp struck him over the ear, breaking and saturating his clothing with oil, which took fire. His ear was nearly burned off and his right arm roasted to a crisp.

RESTED FOR THEFT.

A Mys'erious Yacht Engaged in Smuggling Chinamen-Reported Uprising of the Flatheads-California Vigilantes.

Astoria has a Curiew ordinance,

Jack Dempsey will not go to California. Walla Walla is to have a street railway. Victoria protests against a duty on flour.

mas Saturday morning. Mr. Moody's meetings in Los Angeles were a success-financially.

A strong earthquake was felt at Guay

Two wild camels are occasionally seen near Cottonwood, A. T.

A raisin-grower of Modesto is planting 200,000 Muscat grape vines. Richard Gird proposes to erect a beet

sugar factory at Chino, Cal. Washington's constitutional conven-

tion will be held in Washington. Work on the Spokane Falls and Northern railroad commenced last week.

Mrs. Upham, aged nineteen years, hanged herself at Riverside last week.

Mayor Bryson, of Los Angeles, refuses to surrender the office to his successor. Tokay grapes, fresh from the vine, were on exhibition at Fresno last week.

Bitter root and Salmon river mountains. Pugilistic brutes, yelept sporting gentle-

Trains loaded with gold seekers, bound Twelve killed and twenty-eight injured for lower California, leave Los Angeles but by that of slow earnings and careful

> A vicious horse with a kick killed W. J. Handy, an old resident, at Los Angeles

> The San Francisco "eXaMinxer" appears to have the sinche on the Associated Press.

Vigilantes assisted a young man named Patten out of arroyo Grande on a rail,

Northern Pacific men have acquired By the falling of a wall at Milwaukee complete ownership of the Tacoma streetcar system.

Ex-Senator James H. Slater, who has been dangerously ill at home at LaGrande, is recovering. The San Francisco walking match, like

The Canadian government is contemplating defenses of a strong character on

the Pacific Coast. A mysterious yacht is engaged in smuggling Chinamen from Victoria into

Large numbers of prospectors have left Trouble is feared between Northern San Diego for the new mining district in

Perry Bennett, 72 years old, crushed

Lee Chuck, convicted of murder at San Francisco, has been granted a new trial by the supreme court.

The California legislature has made the best record for asininity of an body

Miss Lilian Bowers, at Garvanza, Los Angeles, has been sustained by the courts for flogging a boy scholar. The San Francisco customs authorities fore feeding.

seized \$4000 worth of opium on the steam collier Empire Wednesday.

William Dixon, a farmer, hanged him-

self at Hollister, Cal., last week. The saloon men have organized an association in Sacramento for the purpose of fighting the high license law.

Goodall & Perkins propose to build a railroad from Watsonville to Moss Landing, and ask only the right-of-way.

Henry L. Goetan, charged with rob-bing the Sonoma, Cal., stage last Decem-ber, has been held in \$10,000 bail.

been arrested for stealing shoes at a fire The California state board of trade will send three Pullman cars filled with California products through to Great

Alejandro Sabine, sent to jail last week at Los Angeles for contempt of court, has appealed to President Diaz for his interference.

again in a dangerous mood, over the of lat, less than 5 or more than 30 per death of the Indian recently shot by a cent. of the volume of the mis, of cream,

A desperate attempt to eacape was made by the prisoners in the Port Town- port shows that from 40 to 90 per cent of

shot in the arm by the jailer. Mrs. Nelson, of San Francisco, fell an hour and was picked up dead.

figured in the mysterious murder in Carrie Bradley's bagnio in Portland six years states are discussing the future of the ago, was seen in San Francisco last week. breed, and comments indicate the various On account of a scandalous article published in a Los Angeles newspaper, Col.

Charles Hamilton, the backman who

the San Gabriel Valley bank of Pasadena. cided to give all carpenter work, repair- normal condition of a Shorthorn cow is ing, etc., on their vessels to private firms,

Ross interferes.

NATIONAL JOTTINGS. HOME AND ABROAD. THE PACIFIC COAST. FARM GLEANINGS. PORTLAND MARKET.

SENATOR RIDDLEBERGER TENDERS THE TRIUMPH OF BOULANGER A SAN DIEGO'S CHIEF OF POLICE AR- THE RELATIVE VALUE OF FROSTED THE LOCAL MARKET ALL THAT SEED ASCERTAINED.

> The Normal Condition of a Short Horn Cow-An Increase of One Hundred Per Cent in Production on Well Fertilized Land.

Blackleg has appeared among the cattle in Modoc county, Cal.

The farmers of Illinois are organizing county societies for the extermination of

plants is beneficial, by retaining moist-ure and giving the pot a neater appear-Owing to the great use of the twinebinder in harvesting, the consumption of hemp and similar fibres has increased 25

per cent during the past year. An irrigation system is to be adopted. for the land of the Fruto Improvement and vegetables has been good. Receipts letter as shared, and its publicity in ditch will be seven miles in length.

indicted by the Grand Jury for neglecting to remove and destroy some diseased peach trees that were in his The production of seed is more ex. steady.

hausting to soil than the growth of vine,

and for that reason a green manurial

crop does not require to be matured. It takes nearly as much from the air through Java 25c, Rio 211gc, Arbuckle's roasted its leaves and the assistance of rains as 2414c. A heavy snow fall is reported on the it takes from the soil. Two excellent results of life on the farm compared with life on the street, are the con 13c, sides 11c, shoulders 101, 211c. men, have taken possession of San Fran- humanity and economy engendered in young people who help to feed the many dependents on the farm, and who find He.

> savings. The third report of the Experimental Agricultural Station at Auburn, Ala., has just been published. The profit from ten acres of corn, fertilized, was \$5.56 per acre, while from unfertilized it was \$2.40 per acre. Other experiments with sweet potatoes, ground peas, turnips and grapes

> were uniformly successful. The value of all dogs in the state of New York is \$1,000,000, says a current newspaper paragraph. Yes, and if it wasn't for this \$1,000,000 worth of useless dog meat the value of the sheep of the state of New York would be several millions more than it is, and the Common-

wealth that much richer. Geese do not receive as much attention as they should on farms especially all other hobodromes of the kind, was a adapted to rearing water fowls. Besides yielding a regular income of feathers, they are one of the most profitable fowls for the market. Much easier reared than turkeys, they sell as readily in most

seasons at as good profits. Germany claims the honor of having the oldest rose bush in the world. It is said that in 1079 Bishop Hepilo caused a trellis to be erected to support the bush now climbing over the old church at Heldersheim. The only certain thing is that the main branch of this rose bush is Governor Watterson is being bitterly now larger than a man's body,

Farming business generally is conducted on a loose and slovenly basis. with an absence of economical methods The three leading breweries of Roches- nis wife's skull with a hatchet at Rush- that surprises every man that comes to 4c, dressed 8c, lambs \$2.50 each, hogs 6c, this country fully posted as to the meth- dressed 7@716c, veal 6@8c. ods adopted elsewhere, where men have to pay an annual rent for the land and much higher tithes and taxes than we.

Professor Storer says a ration of thirty pounds of pumpkin per cow daily will increase the flow and improve the quality of milk. More than this quantity should sible land syndicate, who spread the renot be given. Pumpkins are very cheap port of fabulous gold fields, are returning. food, as a couple of tons can be grown to the acre with the corn crop. The seeds of the pumpkin ought to be removed be-

The change from an out-door run to the limit of a hennery is not at all agreeable The mangled remains of a little girl to the nature of fowls. There they live Confederacy had better be careful. were discovered in an unfinished build- and grow like house plants-pale and delicate. The longer the are hived together the more sickly they will be and the less number the breeder will have to orders regarding the vacation of the resshow or sell in a presentable condition to his customers.

Raising flowers for the manufacture of perfumery is becoming a new industry in Florida under the encouragement of Northern capital. The two varieties of roses grown are the musk and damask, and other flowers that are used for distillation, such as the jassamine, violets, lillies and jonquils, are hardy and yield

rich harvests under cultivation. "It's no trouble to winter sheep," said Chief Avery and two members of an old flock-master to us, once; "but the the San Diego Fire department have rub is in springin' 'em." That was because he did not winter them well. The ler of the suprzme court, in the case of steady cold of winter keeps the system the Oregon Railway and Navigation comsteady cold of winter keeps the system keyed up, and the poorest feed is eaten pany versus the Oregonian Railway comwith some relish and benefit; but unless the sheep has been kept on a high level the warm, debilitating breath of spring lease its railroad, and that the Naviga-

will let it down fatally. There is much difference in the milk of different animals and breeds, and much depends upon the food and condi-The Flathead Indians in Montana are find less than 2.5 or more than 8 per cent less than 10.5 or more than 17 per cent. of solids, or less than 83 or more than

Charles Nobman, while practicing with 89.50 per cent. of water in pure milk. a parlor rifle at San Francisco, Thursday, Professor Green, of the Minnesota State Agricultural college, has completed his experiments to ascertain the relative value of frosted grain for seed. His regrow. He says that the experiments may be relied upon, and hereafter farmers may plant frosted grain with the of my death I think a man of your from a second story landing to the ground assurance that it will grow, rather than temperament and domestic nature, Sunday. She laid in a soaking rain for run in debt for other seed. The Dalaside from the good of the children. rymples of Dakota will give frosted seed a thorough test.

Shorthorn breeders in several western stages of education of different breeders Some would arbitrarily cull herds and condemn certain strains. Some would W. A. Ray has resigned the presidency of feed heavier, others would avoid milking and others still, would encouoage milk-Goodall, Perkins & Company have de- ing. Many have yet to learn that the the milking condition and not the and in consequence have discharged all butcher condition; that the Shortherns and as steers for beef, but that breeding Flores, for attempting to bribe whom cows should only be kept in breeding the Tia Juana King is in jail at Los An-|condition and not in condition for the geles, is likely to be taken over the border butcher. Overleeding for fatness will by the Mexicans and shot, unless Judge | not only destroy milking characteristics, but it will also destroy breeding.

COULD BE DESIRED.

Demand for Fresh Meats-Dried Frui a Drug in the Market Drop in Cured Ments.

the past week has been the strike among I had received, not from any regard to the employes of the river division of the my own reputation, but from the fear O. R. & N. company, which has caused a that to leave them liable to publicity temporary cessation of trade with Astoria. might be injurious or unpleasant to Wood-moss laid on the earth around The dull state of the wheat market, how- the writers or their friends. They ever, renders the situation less serious covered much of the anti-slavery than it would have been of orwise. In period, and the war of the rebellion, all other respects business is active. In and many of them, I know, were provisions the market is weak, prices, strictly private and confidential. I however, remaining steady. Sugars have was not able at the time to look over advanced another step, with the prospect the MSS., and I thought it safest to of another raise. The demand for fruits Company in Colusa county. The main in dried fruits have been meagre; on ac- any shape a shameful breach of trust, count of an overstocked market. The unless authorized by the writer. I A farmer of Hartford, N. Y., has been importation from California has had the only wish my own letters to thousands effect of reducing the price of butter, of correspondents may be as carefully Wool is a drug, with very little prospect disposed of." for the future. Wheat is quiet and The ground here taken is certainly

OROCERTES. cube, crushed and powdered 7c. Coffee:

Oregon bam 125 6013c, breakfast ba-Eastern ham 1216@13c, Sinclaire's 13@ 13%c, breakfast bacon 12% alle, sides no other way of gathering needed pennies @11c.

PROVISIONS.

Navel oranges \$4.85@5.00, Riverside \$3.25@3.50, apples \$1.16, lemons \$5.50 per box. VEGETABLES.

Potatoes 30@35c, onions 70@75c. DRIED FRUITS. Apples 5@6c, sliced 61cc, apricots 13@ 14c, peaches 8@10c, pears 8c, Oregon prunes, Italian, Sc, silver Sc, German 5% 66c, plums 5667c. Raisins \$2 per box, California figs Se, Syrna 15c.

DAIRY PRODUCE. Butter, Oregon fancy 25c, medium 20c, Eastern 15c, California 22c.

EGGS. Eggs 13@14c.

Oats 33c.

POULTRY. Chickens \$5.50@6, ducks \$8.25 per doz., geese \$10@12, turkeys 17c per tb. WOOL.

Valley 18c, Eastern Oregon 8@15c.

Hops 8@15c. GRAIN. Wheat, Valley \$1.35, Eastern \$1.30.

Standard \$4.50, other brands \$4@4.10, FEED. Hay \$13@15 per ton, bran \$17, shorts

\$18, barley chop \$23@24, mill chop \$18.

PRESH MEATS.

FLOUR.

Beef, live, 4c, dressed 8c, mutton, live, The Minnesota legislature decided Fri-

day not to submit an amendment to the people in favor of prohibition. The crazy idiots who fled to Lower California on the strengeh of an irrespon-They all got soup as usual.

The Tacoma "Leger" is just begining

nearly a quarter of a century ago the editor has just been apprised of the fact. He is evidently red hot and the Southern It is reported that Special Agent Saunders, on the Umatilla reservation, has made a demand for troops to enforce the

threatened disturbances among the Indians. The signing of the Territorial bill puts money into General Butler's pocket. owns two-thirds of the stock of the United States Bunting Company which has the making of the flags for the Gov- And so, despite our recognition of the ernment offices, and the additional stars will necessitate new flags everywhere, The order from the Government alone

will reach \$200,000. In an opinion rendered by Justice Milpany, limited, the court holds that the Oregonian company had no power to tion company had no power to take the

lease. In discussing "Stock-Growing in Agriculture," a Western writer makes one point which is too often disregarded. He avers that the stock-growing farm can be made self-supporting, which is not the case with all other branches of agriculture. For it must be remembered that barn-yard manure is the basis of successful farming. It costs nothing but the saving, and it is a complete manure for all crop productions, and therefore in growing food necessary for the stock the fertility of the soil can be maintained,

which otherwise is sure to deteriorate. "John," said a wife who was supposed to be on her death-bed, "in case aside from the good of the children. ought to marry again."

"Do you think so, my dear?" "I certainly do, after a reasonable

length of time." "Well, now, do you know, my dear, that relieves my mind of a great burden. The little widow Jenkins has acted rather demure toward me ever since you were taken sick. She is not the woman that you are, of course, a strong-minded, intelligent woman of character, but she is plump and pretty. breaking the coal may cause a tempo should be tested as milk cows for milk and I am sure she would make me a very desirable wife."

The next day Mrs. John was able to sit up, the following day she went down-stairs, and on the third day she was planning for a new dress .-

PRIVATE LETTERS.

The Poet Whittier Has Something to Sa on a Ticklish Subject.

The poet Whittier has enunciated a hard doctrine in a recent letter to a friend in regard to the publication of Sugars Exhibit Great Firmness-A Brisk private epistles. How it chances that the principles he so emphatically lays down are violated by the publication of this particular document is not explained; but it is rather surprising. since he writes: "Some years ago I The chief event of importance during destroyed a large collection of letters make a bonfire of all. I have always regarded a private and confidential

a sufficiently high one. The logical defluction from the position of the Sugars, Golden C 51 gc, extra C 57 gc, writer is that most biographies are practically violations of the decent reserve which should surround the dead. since it is difficult to believe that there exists a modern biography which does not owe its information largely to what Mr. Whittier calls private letters.

Leaving, for the moment, the wider shoulders 10@11c Lard 10% question whether biographies as such are or are not of value, it is fair to consider that every honest man, if teld that his history will be written, will first of all desire that it be true. To destroy his letters would, in the case of any person of sufficient note to have been concerned in important events, be to lessen the chance of the truth's being known, either in regard to himself or others. Certainly if biegraphy and history are to be written. it is important that they shall approach as nearly as possible to the truth; and neither Mr. Whittier nor anybody else has a right to destroy documents which would assist in bringing the truth to light. Justice to the memory of his friend should lead one who has important letters to see that they are properly used, not that the risk is run of having history misrepresented for want of them. Mr. Whittier himself would undoubtedly prefer that "his letters to thousands of correspondents" should be printed to having his life misrepresented and the high causes in defense of which he

has tought so well misunderstood. The fact is that while this matter of publication seems at first glance both unpleasant and unjustifiable, it is but another form of the universal truth that no man's life belongs to himself. Perhaps a man has no more right either to expect or to wish to take to the grave with him any more than he takes his gold the personal privacy which is as much a luxury of life as is his treasure. In any case the history of man belongs to the living; and since the history of man is made up of the history of men, in their story the world has an inalienable right. It follows that documents which seem private property are often public trusts, and to get mad. Although the war closed not therefore to be disposed of according to the simple will of the possessor, who is really simply a custodian.

It is not of course meant that all the details of life, the private experiences, hidden emotions and intimate secrets of the heart, are to be laid open to the market place. It is not that public ervation by white settlers, and to quiet vulgar curiosity is to be satisfied. but the significant, the general, the things which belong to the life of the people or to the growth of the public sentiment or belief-these things belong not to the individual, but to the race. genuine sincerity of the act and of the delicacy of feeling which prompted it. we can not help feeling that it is at least an open question whether Mr. Whittier had a moral right to destroy those letters, relating, as many of them must have done, to some of the most important events which have ever shaken and shaped our Nation .-Boston Courier.

The Vital Functions.

It is well understood that the vital functions are more or less processes of combustion, and are subject to laws similar to those which regulate the burning of coal in our fireplaces. We are apt to put on too much coal, or allow the fire to be smothered in ashes. The child pokes the fire from the top to make it burn faster; but the wise man pokes it from below to rake out the ashes and allow free access of oxygen. And so it is with the functions of life, only that these being less understood, many a man acts in regard to them as a child does to the fire. The man thinks that his brain is not acting because he has not supplied it with sufficient food. He takes meat three times a day and beef tea to supply its wants, as he thinks, and puts in a poker to stir it up in the shape of a glass of sherry or a nip from the brandy bottle. And yet, all the time, his brain is suffering from accumulation of ash, and the more he continues to cram himself with food, and to supply himself with stimulants, the worse ho ultimately becomes, just as the child's rary blaze, but allows the fire to be smothered in ashes.—Hall's Journal of Health.

-It is a-tension to pay attention to a dull story. - Binghamton Republican.