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NATURAL GAS.

Men of enterprise or companies of men in many of the eastern states have bored down into the earth and Inserting tubes have taken therefrom oils and gases that have had much to do with the economy of domestic life, and have been the wonder of this age and generation. When petroleum was first discovered in this manner by Col. G. L. Drake on Oil creek, in Venango county, Pa., Aug. 28, 1859, the excitement was at the highest pitch, and real estate in that locality ran up to incredulous prices. Years rolled on, and fortunes were made and lost in these enterprises. The business finally centered down and became controlled by one interest, then the gas well was discovered and the excitement over the phenomena is almost equal to that of the oil. Manufacturing cities and towns have sprung up all over these regions while older places not so well situated have supplied themselves at enormous expense from the native gas of other localities. The following extract from a private letter from the president of a company organized to bring gas into Richmond, Indiana, may be used as an Hlustration. He said: "We have also turned natural gas on to Richmond since I received your last. The English language has not the words to do the case justice. I have been using it in my home for the past two weeks and to say it is grand! splendid! magnificent or any other such words do not express anything compared to the actual amount of solid comfort and benefit one gets from the natural gas. I use it in my cook stove, furnace, grates, and also for lights and to say it is perfect in all these uses does not half express it. Just think, how handy, all you have to do is turn a little valve, while sitting in your easy chair and you have at once a house. This is truly an age of progress! And the question in my mind now is, 'What next?' When I sit here and look at the fire burning in the grates, I let my mind run along the line of pipes, up hill and down, across stream and through wood and field and finally down an eight-inch hole one thousand feet deep-fifty miles from here-where I am watching the result-and can but say it does seem truly wonderful! It took just sixty days, with a force of over five hundred men to accomplish this result. Fifty miles to the well, twenty-three miles of ology they secured four out of six. pipes in Richmond, and \$550,000 of capital covered the expenses." Why can Oregon not have some of these advantages-Salem with a natural gas well would have its future assured.

A SILVER certificate, said to be an excellent imitation of the genuine, is in circulation in the east, and there may be some on this coast. The only imperfection in the engraving of these bogus certificates is in the vignette of Gen. Grant. The right side of the face is indistinet, and to control this fault the certificates have been solled and rubbed so as to make the entire portrait somewhat blurred. Look out for them.

VICTORIA WOODHULL is said to have taken up her abode at Paris, where she has bought a house for 2,000,000 francs, in which she hopes to found an institution for the free will be proceeded by the shave, all soreness will be proceeded. have taken up her abode at Paris, education of women.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

News comes from California that already much uneasiness is manifested regarding whether or not sufficient labor can be secured to harvest next year's crop of grain. hops, fruit and grapes. The fact that great numbers of Chinese who have heretofore been depended upon to harvest the crops are leaving for China, and none returning, causes this anxiety. Col. Bee, the Chinese consul, has made the following statement: "If Chinese laborers continue to leave this country as they have been doing the last three months, we will soon be without them. Since the passing of the Scott exclusion bill, 2043 Chinese have left on different China steamers, and not over seventy-five have landed. On the Pacific coast to-day there are not over 65,000 Chinese all told, and not over 90,000 in the whole country. More than twothirds of those are laborers, while the balance are women, children, merchants and students. As rehave made arrangements to double class next year. their output next season, and now cannot get the necessary Chinese labor, although they are offering \$1.40, and even \$1.50 per day. California needs about 30,000 more laborers who can afford to work five months in the year, say from June 1st to November 1st, and then rest the other seven months, or seek other employment."

A SOLAR ECLIPSE.

To-morrow afternoon an eclipse of the sun will be visible to the people of the western part of the United States, In California the eclipse will be total, and already scientists and astronomers from all over the world have selected points in the state where they may witness the sight. Here the eclipse will be partial, and providing the weather is fair and the sky clear, thousands of smoked glasses will undoubtedly be brought into requisition. For the benefit of those interested the following summary is given:

The eclipse begins at 1 h. 4 min. p. m., at a point in the Pacific ocean about 350 miles west of San Diego, Cal.; that is, the penumbra first touches the surface of the earth at

The shadow of the moon first touches the earth at 2 h. 20 min. at another point in the Pacific ocean liquor distiller of that city. She's got a about 2500 miles west of Vancouver's Island, and here the total eclipse

The path of the total eclipse is about sixty miles wide, and meets the western coast of the United States a few miles north from San Francisco at about 2 h. 20 min. p. m. From this point the path of the total celipse runs through the country in a nearly northeasterly direction and terminates in Canada, near the eastern border of Lake Winnipeg, at 4 h. 10 min. p. m.

in a certain locality in this place re- ry me?' She returned to her home in Balcently, says the Truckee Republican, A lady teacher was instructing a young class in the meaning of different, words chiefly by illustration, At length the word "husband" was reached. To make it clearer to in Newtown as happy as turtle-doves." them she said: "Supposing that I should get married, what would it be that I would have?" For a few good, warm fire in every part of the moments their little heads were busy trying to compreheud what it was, when one bright little fellow with his countenance beaming with his bride some 300 years ago, is on exhibisatisfaction at having solved the tion in Middletown. On one of the problem shouted out: "A baby, ring is represented the crucifixion of ma'am."

the recent examinations at London some dice. University, ten of the nineteen passes for honors were taken by women. In anatomy they took three of the six honors. In physi- COFFEY .- At his home in Salem, In materia medica only did they fall behind, and even there they got three out of seven honors. In the face of such a record the opponents of medical education for women are feeling a trifle uncomfortable."

THE United States Supreme Court decides that a life insurance policy is not a part of the estate of an insolvent debtor, and cannot be claimed by his creditors.

MRS. HARRIET BERCHER STOWE s said to be in better health now than she has been for years, and walks quite readily with the aid of

For the first time in years in many Eastern cities old Santa Claus was unable to use his reindeer sledge

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UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Points of Personal Menton and Notes of News.

Prof. Arnold will organize a class in electric shorthand.

Prof. Starr is spending part of the vacation in Linn county.

Miss Hansee went down to Portland Saturday to spend New Years day with friends.

Will Beverly, an old timestudent, came over from Sheridan Sunday to visit his grandfather, W. R. Patty.

A few students are returning from their homes to-day. They report having spent a pleasant holiday va-

Several new students will enter will be added to the number of fund is meeting with success, young ladies at the Womans' Col-

W. T. VanScoy came down from Jefferson Saturday and passed the examination in some of his college gards calls for help, the Alaska can-studies that he is pursuing out of

> year, was in Salem Saturday on his way home, Turner. He has just completed a successful term of school at Wheatland, and has been engaged to teach another term.

The college association which was Jan, 3rd will in all probability be ville. held at the University in Salem, as Mr. Jacks was here Friday and Saturday making the necessary arrangments.

A number of the university's old time students are in town during the vacation. Many have been teaching our country schools, and are spending their holidays in Salem.

College rhetoricals will begin next week one reciting each day in the chapel.

Leap-Year Romance,

An Ansoria lawyer was sitting on the steps at the Central House in Newtown when a pretty young lady passed out of the hotel and up the street.

"There goes a remarkably prettygirl," exclaimed a gentleman conversing with him, "and there's quite a little romance connected with her, too," The legal gentleman was all attention at once as his friend continued: "She belongs down in Baltimore and her father is a wealthy cool \$200,000 in her own right and a decisiveness about her that means business, She located at the George Hotel, Black Rock, this summer coming there all alone. A young man sitting at her table attracted her attention. She spoke to him one evening after she had met him but three times, and she broke him up by asking him if he was married. He replied that to support his father. 'Well, I've plenty THE following actually occurred of money,' she said, 'why don't you martimore, told her father about the circumstance, got his consent and returned to Black Rock, with her father, was married in Bridgeport, and she and her husband are passing the remainder o the summer

The lawyer has been thinking ever since what chance there are for young men in

Luther's Wedding Ring.

An ancient wedding ring, which it said, was presented by Marnn Luther to Christ-a scourge, three nails and a spear; a small ruby in the center, representing a THE New York Tribune says: drop of blood. On the other side is a col-Women are studying medicine in uma, a ladder, a rope, cap of a Roman England in thorough earnest. At soldier, a hammer, a sword of justice and

DIED.

Oregon, December 31, 1888, of dropsy, James Coffey; aged fiftytwo years.

Mr. Coffey was a well known citizen of Salem, having resided here for many years, during which he held and acceptably filled a number of positions of honor and trust. His death was not unexpected, as he had been ill for a long time, with dropsy of the heart, from which he died. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, Sept. 13, 1836, and was married on April 19, 1865, There are left to mourn the death of a kind father and loving husband, a wife and six children, of whom one is married. In life he was an honorable man, a respected citizen, and full of enterprise, having been identified with the interests of Salem for many years. His loss is one that will be keenly felt.

The tuneral occurs on Wednesday, from the residence.

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> The Lafayette Register will on reported would be held in Albany Monday be removed to McMinn-

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Track laying continues and the end of the track is near Badbanks, some four miles above Dan Smith's.

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> La Coquille, Coos county, is also of French origin and means "the

Mr. N. H. Frolinstine of Mobile Alabama writes: I take great plea-sure in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, having used it for a severe attack of Bronchitis and Catarrh. It gave me instant relief and entirely cured me and I have not been afflicted since. I also beg to state that I had tried other remedies with no good result. Have also used Electric Bit-ters and Dr. King's New Life Pills, both of which I can recommend.

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