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Indications.

WASHINGTON, Feb, 24.—Tennessee and Ohio Valley: Rain and snow and generally cloudy weather; easterly winds, becoming variable; low barometer; slight rise in temperature.

LISTEN!

All that certain pile of men's all wool suits at $9 and the now very complete line of Men's Gray Melton Overcoats at $5, will be gone this week.

Immediate attention is necessary to secure either.

We doubt if those $2 or $3 Knee Pant Suits can be matched at a third more. Not many large sizes left.

Fresh supply of 50c Scotch Caps expected the last of the week.

Many good ones left among the 50c Hat slaughter, and some not so good. You are justly entitled to choice. A word and a click and you've a new hat.

Spring Samples for Custom Suits, Pants and Overcoats expected every day. It will pay any man to wait a while. A third off is so much more satisfactory than a third on. Then the fit you get and the wool.

Has it been your good luck to find the "Excelsior" Indigo Blue Working Shirts, open back with detached collars 75c? They're here now in assorted sizes. And Jean Pants at the rate of handreds in a pile, and Vests too.

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MAGAZINES FOR MARCH.

Laura B. Starr's "Dorcas," a magazine of woman's handiwork, has made its appearance for March. It has a good many interesting points for the ladies. Price $1 a year; address Dorcas Magazine, 872 Broadway, New York.

The March issue of Wide Awake, (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston,) is as handsome and interesting as ever. The Chautauqua supplement for Young Folks is very good.

The Chautauquan for March is quite up to the standard—a very worthy organ of the Chautauqua fraternity—now about a hundred thousand strong. The price of the Chautauquan is $1.50 a year. Address Dr. T. L. Flood, Meadville, Pa.

A copy of Packard's Short-Hand Reporter and Amanuensis is before us. It is published by Mr. S. S. Packard, 805 Broadway, N. Y., at $2 a year, and is an excellent specialty magazine—handsome and well conducted.

Providing Against Fraud.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., February 24.—State Senator Saman, who was counted out by the canvassing board, owing to the election frauds in the Eighth ward, of Chicago, submitted a bill today imposing penalties for making false election returns.

Murdered.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., February 24.—William Hann, aged 80, was murdered in a house seven miles south of Knoxville, where he lived with a married son. It is suspected that the son, who lived in the old man's house, murdered his father.

An Ineffectual Ballot.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., February 24.—One ballot was taken for Senator today, as follows: Logan, 101; Washburne, 1—; Democrats not voting.

Scotch Distillery Burned.

LONDON, February 24.—A despatch from Aberdeen reports the burning of the Bon Accord distillery. The stores of spirits were saved.

Six Persons Burned to Death.

BERNE, Switzerland, February 24.—The poor house at Wohlen, Canton Aargau, burned last night. Six persons perished.

From Korti.

KORTI, February 24.—Gen. Brackenbury expects to reach Abu Hamed tomorrow.

INCREASE OF THE BRITISH NAVY

Seventy-Three New Vessels and Eleven Iron-Clads Provided For.

Minnesota Adopts a High License, at $500 a Year.

Gen. Davis Arrives at Suakim.

Congress.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—SENATE.—The credentials of James K. Jones, Senator-elect from Arkansas, were presented.

Petition presented: Praying for the retirement of General Grant.

Bill passed: Quieting the title to Des Moines river settlers.

The postoffice appropriation bill was then taken up, and after a long debate passed. It now goes to the House for concurrence or non-concurrence in Senate amendments.

HOUSE.—Bill introduced: Opening up the Oklahoma lands for settlement.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported.

Resolution offered: Relative to alleged discrimination against American products by Germany.

Senate amendments to the House Texas Pacific land grant bill were concurred in.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the naval appropriation bill, which was passed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24.—HOUSE.—A conflict between the river and harbor committee and another committee took place and resulted in a victory for the first committee. A motion made by Randall to proceed to consideration of the deficiency bill was defeated—yeas 122, nays 139—and the House went into committee of the whole, Hammond in the chair, on the river and harbor bill, the pending of question being an appeal from the decision of the chair, ruling out the Hennepan canal clause on a point of order.

Ohio Legislature.

COLUMBUS, February 23.—SENATE.—Conference committee asked for on partial appropriation bill.

Bills introduced: Amending insurance laws; amending section 5434 so as to give a lien for manual labor only; requiring physicians to have their diplomas recorded.

HOUSE.—Bills introduced: Prescribing proper labels for canned fruits; giving court power to remove recorders or deputies and fill vacancies; enlarging the legal rights of married women.

Bill passed: Senate joint resolution, to incorporate all of Hamilton county within the limits of Cincinnati was defeated.

Resolution offered: Asking congressmen to support the Mexican pension bill.

Latest from Egypt.

LONDON, February 24.—The arrival of Gen. Brackenbury's column at Abu Hamed will be welcome news, even for the British, since there will then for a few weeks at least be a possible line of communication with Korasko, above the second cataract. This line is 235 miles long and there is only one point at which the water is found, but steps will doubtless be taken to forward the stores of water of El Murad in advance and by forced camel marches. The distance can be covered in nine days at best. This line will be an indifferent one, but anything is preferable to the isolation of the past several days.

Fatal Accident.

PITTSBURG, February 24.—This morning at seven o'clock two loaded cars, weighing three tons, broke their cable at Castle Shannon incline plane, when near the top, and came down with frightful velocity, crashing through the brick building at the foot of the incline and damaging the brick building opposite. Martin Carry, employe, was standing on the platform when the accident occurred and was struck by one of the cars and instantly killed. Hart and Corry were quite seriously but not fatally hurt. Damage to incline and building will not reach $500.

A Test Liquor Case.

CHICAGO, February 24.—A test case of importance involving the legality of the Iowa liquor law in the United States Court has been brought by a firm of brewers at Marshalltown, Iowa, against the Northwestern Railway Company. The claim is made that the clause in the Iowa law which prohibits railways from transporting liquor except to certain persons, holding permits, is in violation of the Federal Constitution, which vests in Congress the power to regulate commerce in the several States.

London Notes.

LONDON, February 24.—The Queen sent an autograph letter to Miss Gordon, sister of General Gordon, expressing her majesty's sympathy with the lady in her bereavement by the loss of her brother.

At a meeting of the Carlton Club this afternoon it was unanimously resolved that the feeling of the club favored the assumption of an offensive attitude by the Conservatives in the event of their defeat on the pending vote of censure.

The Minnesota Legislature Adopts a High License Law.

ST. PAUL, Minn., February 24.—The legislature has adopted a high license liquor law, making five hundred dollars the figure. The legislature has also adopted a new penal code, similar to that of New York. The most important change from the old code is making hanging the penalty in the first degree. Heretofore a death sentence was left to the option of the court, but no judge ever exercised the privilege.

Both Legs Off.

CLEVELAND, February 24.—Charles D. Paddock, one of the oldest engineers on the N. Y., P. & O. railroad, slipped and fell beneath the wheels of his engine today at Mahoning station. Both legs were cut off, and Paddock will probably die.

The British Navy.

LONDON, February 24.—The navy estimates of 1886 are £12,396,500. This is intended to meet the ordinary expenses and provide for the construction of seventy-three new vessels, including eleven ironclads.

Suakim.

SUAKIM, February 24.—Gen. Davis, with two hundred troops, arrived today.

NEWS NOTES.

The knitting-girls of St. Louis have decided to organize a union.

The miners of the Hocking Valley have decided to continue to strike.

Carl Schurz and Senator Lamar were the only callers Cleveland had on Monday.

John R. McLean was appointed receiver of the Cincinnati and Eastern Railway Company.

Dawson McNiece, of Vincennes, Ind., was killed by having his head crushed by a horse's foot.

Seven young boys have been arrested in Cleveland for safe-blowing. They are members of an organization.

The schooner F. K. Collins, loaded with cotton and iron, burned at sea off Ocean City, Md. Crew saved.

Mrs. Ann Bowling, aged eighty-six, of Baltimore, was burned to death by her clothing taking fire from a stove.

Two sisters named Clay, living at Petersburg, Va., were fatally burned by their clothing taking fire from a stove.

The seventh victim of the accident on the B. & O., at Four-mile, died Monday. The loss to the express company is put at $85,000.

Mrs. Sarah Koons, of Logansport, Indiana, committed suicide by hanging herself. The cause is supposed to be grief for the loss of her daughter.

General Horace E. Capron died in Washington of a cold contracted while attending the dedication of the ceremonies of the Washington Monument.

Joseph Bonhomne, of Vincinnes, Indiana, was fatally burned by the explosion of a pan of powder from which he was filling shells for a gun. It was ignited by a spark from a fire.

Frank James has been dismissed from the charges pending against him in the Circuit Court of Cooper county, Mo. He is wanted on a requision from the Governor of Minnesota.

Alvin Bowling fatally shot John Gill at Mt. Sterling, Ky. The latter was assisting Marshall Wyatt to arrest Bowling. Assistance was necessary in order to arrest Bowling and get him to jail.

The examining division of the Pension Department, under the management of E. E. Rathbone, saved enough to the government to pay the expenses and salaries of 346 special examiners and leave the government $1,800,000.

The Egyptian Blue Book is made public. It seems that instead of boasting of ability to hold out for years, Gordon was beseeching succor, and quickly, too.

The rebels reappeared at Abu Klea on the 19th, two days after the late battle, but were speedily put to flight, and it is reported that the Mahdi has turned his face towar Khartoum.

Northcote brought up his motion of censure of the government's Egyptian policy in the Commons Monday, and made a masterly argument.

The Afghans are very uneasy at the unusual number of Russian "travelers" at their capital. They think they are army officers. Russia has assured England that the advance of troops was unauthorized, and they will be retired.

Further evidence against the alleged London dynamiters was given Monday.

All the powers interested except Turkey recognized the African International Association.

The Care-taker at Castle Island, Ireland, was assassinated.

At the Dynamite Congress in Paris the delegates were armed. The cry was, "Down with England; long live dynamite."

It is expected the Senate will be convened in special session almost immediately after the adjournment of the present Congress, and that such time as is not consumed in the consideration of appropriations will be devoted to the discussion of the pending treaties.

Cleveland is working away vigorously on his inaugural.

Oregon.

SALEM, Oregon, February 23.—Governor Moody said today that he thought he had a right to be indignant at being placed in a doubtful and perplexing position through the neglect of the Legislature to do its duty. He had not yet carefully examined the law, and so had not definitely determined what his duty in this emergency was. "But," he added, "I think that I shall appoint. This much, however, is certain, I shall not appoint a senator until there is a vacancy, which does not occur until March 4. It would be impossible for any man whom I could name at that time to arrive in Washington to attend the short executive session. So, unless the new president calls an extra session, there will be no need of a new senator until December. I shall be in no haste to fill the vacancy."

National Law and Order League.

NEW YORK, February 23.—The third annual meeting of the Citizens' Law and Order League of the United States, began this morning. Ex-Governor Long, of Massachusetts, president of the league, was detained in Washington, and in his absence Hon. C. C. Bonney, of Chicago, presided. The morning session was devoted to the informal relation of what had been accomplished in the various states, and those who made addresses were Hon. A. M. Burton, of Philadelphia; Captain Wallace, Rev. Dr. Morris and L. D. Vail, of Philadelphia; ex-Mayor Johnson, of Waltham, Mass.; T. T. Carr, Newport, R. I.; General Alonzo Alder, of Troy; Andrew Paxton, of Chicago; Dr. Dyman Abbott and Rev. I. P. Warren, of Portland, Me.

LAWRENCEVILLE.

Mr. Abram Thomas and Miss Ellen Rockel were married on Thursday evening of last week. A large circle of friends congratulate the happy couple.

Mrs. Peter Miller is ill with malarial fever.

John W. Baker removes to the vicinity of Sugar Grove in a few days.

Revival meetings are largely attended.

Thermometers registered 21 degrees below zero last week.

Mrs. S. Shuman had a finger crushed Sunday by a stick of wood falling on it, and for a while serious results were feared. She is recovering.

The smile on the Democratic face expands as the time draws near for the rebels to take charge of the government.

A drunk factory is to be one of the Democratic attractions here soon.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

CATAWBA.

Obituary.

Maria Ferguson, daughter of Wm. and Phebe Ferguson, was born December 11, 1835. Always of a mild and generous nature, she united with the church when but eleven years of age, and ever since has been a live, consistent member. Although not blessed with a strong body and good health, she always was satisfied and looked upon the bright side of everything, and at all times had smiles and pleasant words for everybody. We need not say that her presence will be greatly missed at many a social gathering in the future. She was married to Z. B. Jones in January, 1859. To them were born three children, two of whom, with their father, are left to mourn the incomparable, irretrievable loss of an indulgent mother. After ten days of severe illness and suffering, which was borne with the greatest patience and fortitude, the end came, in the morning of February 18, 1885, at 8 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. S. Evans, at Asbury chapel, on Friday last, and were attended by a large congregation of grief-stricken relatives and sympathizing, sorrowing friends.

Melissa, wife of C. M. Ropp, died at her late residence near the village, Saturday, Feb. 14, 1885, aged 33 years. She left a family of three small children. Interment at Mechanicsburg the following Monday.

Mr. Castle, a student from the Cincinnati medical college, has been recuperating his health at Wm. Van Meter's the past two weeks.

Gil. Graham moved last week to the northern part of the state, where he expects to make his future home.

N. S. Conway has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to be about the village again.

D. S. Bumgardner has rented the blacksmith shop down on the old Columbus road, and will open up shop immediately.

Charley Tavenner will move back from the farm to his property in the village in a few days.

Andrew Lellis will move into rooms in Martin's corner property.

Mrs. Jacob Grove, jr., is quite sick with pneumonia.

Joseph Baldwin, Esq., has opened out a new harness shop in the village, with Joel Jobes in charge.

J. H. Page purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. Jobes, in the old harness shop of Jobes & Page, and on last Saturday he sold the entire stock at public auction.

HOPEWELL.

Walter Cultice is on the sick list, while James Anderson is able to be about again.

Lloyd Fryant, of near Enon, moves this week on to the Isaac Shaw farm.

John Weller jr. is about removing to Kentucky. Others here contemplate a similar change.

Chris. Ziegler discovered his chimney and roof on fire last Friday evening in time to put out the fire before any damage was done.

At the Peacock school Monday Washington's birthday was celebrated by holding exercises, declamations, singing, etc. Hopewell school is preparing for an exhibition.

Sunday night cottage prayer meetings are well attended. Next Sunday the meeting will be at Henry Leffel's. There is Sunday school at Emory church every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and all are invited.

SOUTH CHARLESTON.

Mrs. John Wentz died Friday evening and was buried Monday. Mrs. Wentz has been in poor health for a long time. She was the mother of our enterprising business man, Mr. C. H. Wentz.

Mrs. Mary Paulin, widow of N. T. Paulin, is not expected to live at this writing.

Mr. Owen Riley, who fell out of a wagon and was badly bruised, is slowly improving. No bones were broken.

Mrs. Dr. E. T. Collins had a slight attack of paralysis but is now better.

W. J. Brooks is still sick, with a slim chance of recovery.

Early Sunday morning, as the express on the Little Miami railroad was going west end nearing Selma, five miles west of this place, a bar of iron which had become loose flew up in such a way as to strike the engineer on the head, killing him instantly.

Mr. A. Bradford spent several days down in the coal mines buying coal, as the cold weather created quite a demand. He says when you want to see sights take the train with George Wheldon. What you can't see, George will point out to you: besides, he will treat you first-class. The O. S. railroad company is fortunate to have such accommodating conductors as Wheldon and Al. Davis.

The freight men, when over-worked and the mercury 10 below zero, should not switch cars loaded with coal so hard. Saturday night, in setting a car of coal on the side-track, it went with such force as to strike a box car and knock it clean across the Pan Handle track, turning it clear over in the ditch, breaking the stop-post off near the ground, and breaking things generally.

I see the correspondents and the editor of the South Charleston Sentinel are becoming exercised over who shall be presented as candidate for representative of Clark county. While of course we have plenty of good, capable men, I desire to name D. C. Putnam, of Springfield, a worthy soldier, a man that does not seek office, but one who would be an honor to the county and to the soldiers as representative of one of the best counties in our noble state of Ohio. Suppose we change from a *lawyer* to a practical business man.

J. W. Walker says he does not expect to go into the cabinet, but he does expect to be postmaster, and Jack says he will get it, too.

Rev. Mr. Burdsell, of the M. E. church, admonished his congregation against the evil of roller rinks in his sermon Sunday. Brother, it is the only way to marry off our old maids, as they all attend skating rinks and we have a full supply "of nice girls."

The G. A. R. boys are going to give an entertainment soon to raise funds for helping the poor.

Saturday morning, as Mr. Rankin went into the bank, he was much surprised to find one corner of the bank on fire. The janitor had made a fire and gone away, and it is supposed a hot coal flew into the waste basket, burned paper and basket into the floor, and when Mr. Rankin opened the door the blaze was extending up the wall, burning a fine picture. The damage is slight. Jim is a full team at a fire. He formally belonged to the fire department of South Charleston. PETE.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Wm. R. Forgy, who has been confined to his room since the 10th of last October, was enabled to spend his seventy-third birthday and to partake of a hearty dinner with the family of his son, Mr. C. S. Forgy, last Sunday. Mr. Forgy has so far recovered as to be able to move about his home with comparative ease by the aid of crutches.

The recent cold weather, in connection with a prevalent disease somewhat resembling quinsy, has given the doctors plenty to do in the western part of the county. Frosted ears and feet are to be found in abundance.

The lecture at Olive Branch last Friday night was well patronized, notwithstanding the cold wave. Every one in attendance felt fully repaid for the effort required to venture out through the cold. The hearty vote of thanks extended to the lecturer was indicative of the audience's appreciation of the lecture.

A goodly number of public sales will be held in this section during the spring months, and a number of old residents expect to emigrate to Kansas and other western states.

Mr. Ed Lowry, who spent a couple of months in Florida, and visited the New Orleans exposition, returned to his home last Monday.

Dr. Orton, of Ohio State University, will deliver his lecture, "The New Agriculture," at Olive Branch, Friday evening, March 6.

The high school will give a literary entertainment at O. B., Friday evening next, Feb. 27, to which an admittance fee of ten cents will be charged. The following is the programme:

Music.

Salutatory—Poets' Homes ..... Nellie Burns
Recitation—Longfellow and Lowell ..... Louie Forgy
Recitation—The Goblet of Life ..... Effie Koch
Essay—Chaucer ..... Ella Grisso
Recitation—Paul Revere's Ride ..... Cora Sultzbaugh

Music.

Oration—The Modern Poets ..... Willis Wise
Recitation—The Old Clock on the Stairs ..... Anna McCleary
Essay—Spenser ..... Effie Forgy
Recitation—The Wreck of the Hesperus ..... Effie Quick
Declamation—The Present Crisis ..... Frank Aston

Music.

Declamation—Morituri Salutamus ..... Bert Doner
Recitation—The Famine ..... Emma McClain
Essay—Shakespeare ..... Ada Lamme
Declamation—Washington's Farewell Address ..... Harry Kilheffer
Oration—Washington ..... Will Wallace

Music.

A FARCE—CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Editor ..... Ed. Forgy
Grampus ..... Bert Doner
Miss Slowdip ..... Emma McClain
Printer's Devil ..... Frank Herr
Parson Stuffsom ..... John Davis
First lady ..... Bertha Lamme
Second lady ..... Laura McJilton
Third lady ..... Clara Harnish
Pat O'Batter ..... Benj. Witiver
Mrs. Trotter ..... Ella Grisso
Policeman ..... Willis Wise
Alderman O'Tool ..... Will Gantz

ENON.

Some four weeks ago it was our pleasure to notice that Mr. Jos. Baker, in company with others from this vicinity, were going to visit the New Orleans Exposition. It is now our painful duty to announce his death after four short weeks. He left in a poor state of health, became sick at the Exposition and was delirious four or five days before he got home. All that friends could do for him was done. Several physicians were in attendance, but all to no avail. He passed peacefully away Sunday night between six and seven o'clock. In losing Mr. Jos. Baker this community loses one of its best citizens. He was a man strictly honest and honorable in all the walks of life and he will be missed by many sorrowing friends. He leaves a wife and three grown daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral services will be held Wednesday at one p. m. at the family residence.

Rev. Mr. Sparr, of Urbana, O., presiding elder of this district of the M. E. church held a quarterly meeting in the M. E. church here Saturday and Sunday. He preached three able discourses. While here he was the guest of Wm. T. Hill.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Yellow Springs, began a series of revival meetings in the M. E. church here, Sunday night, which will continue indefinitely.

Mr. Wm. Fryant, of Cedarville, was the guest of his brother, Samuel Fryant, of this place, over Sunday.

Mr. John Collier, of New Carlisle, O., was in town Monday.

Mr. Nicholas Forbeck and daughter Minnie, of Springfield, Ohio, spent Sunday in Enon.

Mr. George Shroufe, of Medway, Ohio, has again moved back to Enon, and is living in Mrs. Athy's property on West Pleasant street.

Mrs. Jolly, of Xenia, Ohio, a former citizen of Enon, will soon move back to her property in this place.

Mr. A. A. Stephens and wife, of Springfield, O., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stephens, of this place.

Mr. Samuel Fryant will soon leave for Mississippi, where he has purchased a home near Jackson.

Miss Maggie Fuller has been visiting in Allentown the last two weeks.

J. I. C.

His Sarah Althea Hill.

Some few years ago an eccentric Frenchman died possessed of a million or so. He had no heirs here, but there were a score of nephews and nieces in France. When his will was opened it was found that the old man had provided liberally for all, and to Sallie Hinchley, a former well-known actress, who had lived here many years, he had left an annuity of $200 a month to be paid her so long as she lived. But Sallie pooh-poohed this provision. She began suit at once, and claimed to be the wife of the old man, and to have dower rights, and all that, and she made such a hubbub as to scare the French heirs out of their wits, and they gladly compromised. Sallie took $80,000 in cash, in lieu of her annuity, and $100,000 in cash besides. She now lives in fine style here, and though no longer a young woman by any means, is attractive and leads a quiet and respectable life.—*San Francisco Bulletin.*

Persons who read the death notices in the newspapers from day to day must observe that whenever the weather grows suddenly cold the mortality among old people greatly increases. This occurs so often that it is hardly a coincidence. Indeed, it seems to bear out fully the assertion of many physicians, that the secret of long life after three-score years and ten is to keep warm.—*New York Tribune.*

WIT AND HUMOR.

The Burlington *Hawkeye* thinks the most striking thing about roller-skating is the floor.

A Pittsburg (Pa.) man makes his living by peddling hot water. In a prohibition State the sheriff would get lots of valuable pointers by following that man up.—*Burlington Free Press.*

The desperate extremities to which devotees of roller skating are carried is shown in the case of a young lady at Watertown who has traded her engagement ring for a $7.50 pair of skates.—*N. Y. Com. Advertiser.*

A monument to Schiller is to be erected in Lincoln Park, Chicago, and the contract has been let to parties in Stuttgart for $3,200. Poor Schiller! He never heard of Chicago, and very few people in Chicago ever heard of him.—*N. O. Picayune.*

"Smart" and "crisp" are the latest cant terms in London, the former meaning fashionable, "high-toned," or exclusive, and the latter signifying an arrival at the highest apex of "style." Thus "smart" people are the "upper-ten," and a "crisp" woman is one clothed in the extremity of the mode.

"Are you aware," asked the parson, "that you will have to answer for every idle word at the last day?" "Well," replied the trifler, "there's comfort in that. The trial will last so long that eternity will have nearly passed, and therefore one's punishment won't be so very severe."—*Boston Transcript.*

Professor Huxley insists that stockings of the same size, if of different colors, are not of the same size at all. He might as well tell us that stockings of the same color, if of different sizes, are not of the same color at all. It is not known how long the Professor's mind has been in this lamentable condition.—*Norristown Herald.*

They were gliding over the glare surface of the ice together, making graceful sweeps with the glittering blades of their "clubs." "I'll dare you to make the fancy figures on ice that I will," said Reginald. "I'm quite sure, Regy, my boy, that you could beat me handsomely at that," replied Algernon. "The fancy figures I make on the ice generally depend on the particular plaid pattern there is on my trousers." And he immediately illustrated.—*Hartford Post.*

Friend—"I should think you would know the prices of all your drugs by this time." Druggist—"Why, I do, of course." "Then how does it happen that after you filled that prescription for that gentleman you spent such a time looking over that book before you could tell him the price? You were trying to find out the cost of the drugs, weren't you?" "O, no. I was looking over a commercial directory to find out how much he could afford to pay."—*Philadelphia Call.*

Candor was a merit the Chancellor Kent possessed in an eminent degree, and when upon one occasion he informed an individual he detested that he was pleased to meet him, it caused a friend to express surprise that he should so diverge from his known frankness and sincerity to express pleasure at meeting such a man. "That is all right, my dear sir," replied the jurist, in his quiet, easy way. "I was glad to meet him, but I should have been very sorry if he was going our way."—*Albany Express.*

"Did you advertise for a man to do clipping?" asked a rural individual who had invaded the editor's sanctum. "H'm," said the Archimedes of the printing office; "you don't look like a clipper. What have you been working at?" The intruder toyed with the office shears and replied: "I've been shearing sheep." The editor turned to his yellow paper again and murmured: "You can get a chance at the brokers' offices down in State street; twelve dollars and a half a clip."

A genius has invented a cushion with a spiral spring, to be worn by skaters where it will do the most good. When a skater who wears one of these contrivances sits down unexpectedly and in italics, as it were, the spring throws him right on to his feet again, before he is fully aware that there has been an accident. The other night a young man provided with one of these inventions fell a little too hard, and the spiral spring reversed him so violently that the rebound pitched him forward and broke his nose. He will sue the inventor for $10,000 damages.—*Norristown Herald.*

"Can you see the stage perfectly well?" asked a gentleman at the play, leaning forward to address the young lady in front. "Why, yes, sir, perfectly," she replied, turning with some surprise. "Nothing at all in front to obstruct your view?" he persisted anxiously. "No, sir, nothing," she said, smiling pleasantly at his evident interest in her welfare. But the next minute he had an admirable illustration of the changeability of woman's temper for she flounced around indignantly and angrily tossed her disdainful head when he murmured politely: "I congratulate you."—*Somerville Journal.*

Two young ladies entered a cigar store and one of them said timidly: "Have you any choice cigars, sir? Want them for a present." "O yes, Miss," replied the tobacconist, "we have any choice you like from a cent a piece up." "I think I will take some of the 1-cent ones, then, if they are choice. I had no idea that choice cigars were so cheap. Won't Charlie be delighted?" she said to her companion as they left the store. "Poor boy! He is so fond of a choice cigar, and they will taste all the better," she added, with a little blush, "for having come from me."—*N. Y. Times.*

There is in one of the schools of this city a mischievious young American of African descent who got into trouble yesterday. He had violated one of the rules, and his teacher concluded that his offense was grave enough to merit discipline at the hands of the Principal. Taking a firm hold of the young gentleman, the teacher accordingly started for the room of the dread administrator of punishment. The young chap held back, began to cry, and finally cried out in piteous tones: "O, Miss ——, don't take me up stairs, p-l-e-a-s-e don't. If you don't take me up there I'll pray for you tonight!" She didn't take him up.—*Altoona Tribune.*

"What is the population of the world, papa?" asked 6-year-old Edith, who was making up sums for herself on a new slate. "You must not interrupt me now, Edith," said her father, who was writing at the same table. "Go to Miss Smith," referring to her governess. Her father was not so busy, however, but that he heard and was amused by her saying in a low tone soon after: "I know how I can find out myself. I'll look in the back of the geography for the United States and for Europe, and then I can add Aunt Mary's baby and Aunt Jessie's baby, and that will give it to me exactly."

Speaking of mathematical jokes, some years ago I was witness to a curious wager between Charles Backus and Joseph Murphy, the comedians. The latter had told a story, which I do not remember, illustrated by the curious action of a number of wooden toothpicks peculiarly arranged and set on fire. "Show me that again," said Backus, "and I'll bet a bottle of wine I can travel free to San Francisco by just telling that story to the conductors on the way." "Done!" exclaimed Murphy, and the two men of the profession who are popularly supposed never to have spent a penny for wine shook hands to bind the wager. Backus lost it. I asked him the circumstances. "Why," he exclaimed, "Murphy had just worked his way over the roads by showing it to them; and every one I spoke to about it said: 'Chestnut.' I consider that Murphy took undue advantage of an innocent man." When I repeated this to Murphy he maintained that he had learned the trick from a conductor, and added: "There ain't nothing Charley Backus can teach them fellers."

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One year, before a Twelfth Night dance, when Charles Dickens's two daughters were quite tiny girls, he took it into his head that they must teach him and his brother John Leech the polka. The lessons were begun as soon as thought of, and continued for some time. It must have been rather a funny sight to see the two small children teaching those two men—Mr. Leech was over 6 feet—to dance, all four as solemn and staid as possible. As in everything he undertook, so in this instance did Charles Dickens throw his whole heart into the dance. No one could have taken more pains than he did, or have been more eager and anxious or more conscientious about steps and time than he was. And often, after the lesson was over, he would jump up and have a practice by himself. When the night of the party came both the small dancing mistresses felt anxious and nervous. I know that the heart of one beat very fast when the moment for starting off arrived. But both pupils acquitted themselves perfectly, and were the admiration of all beholders. Sir Roger de Coverley was always the finale to those dances, and was a special favorite of Charles Dickens, who kept it up as long as possible, and was as unflagging in his dancing enthusiasm as was his own Fizziwig in his.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

Another Father Wanted.

One of our wholesale merchants has a bright little daughter who is about six years of age. She is one of those little children who wants to know everything and can't conceive how a great many things happen. She accosted her mother the other day as follows:

"Mamma, were people always on this earth?"

"No, my child."

"Then how did they get here?"

"Our forefathers were made of dust."

"Did I have four fathers, Ma?"

"Yes," replied the mother, not noticing what the little girl meant.

"Well, then, I'd like to get acquainted with the other three, and then maybe I'd get more spending money. This pa I've got now is awful close since Jan. 1."—*Evansville Argus.*