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#### AMUSEMENTS.

Baldwin-"The Jucklings. Olumbia—"At Gay Coney Island." California—"An International Match." Alcazar—"The Girl I Left Behind Me." "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Tivoli-"Mother G Orpheum-Vandeville. The Chutes-Boston Ladies' Military Band.

Cosmopolium Orchestra. Bush-The Thalia German-Hebrew Opera Company, Saturday

Ingleside Track-Races to-day. Olympia Stark's Vienna Orchestra.

AUCTION SALES.

By P. J. Barth—This day. December 23, Japanese Art Goods, at 25 Geary street, at 2 and 7:80 P. M. By S. Walkins & Co., Friday, December SI, Horses, at Twelfth and Harrison streets, at 11 o'clock.

### THE GOLDEN JUBILEE.

REPARATIONS for the celebration of the and vigor of movement as to assure the complete success of every feature of the enterprise. occasion one for holding a mining exposition was in all respects a happy inspiration. All classes of people in the city have joined heartily in promoting the undertaking, the State at large is responding favorably, and the whole mining region of the West will be represented when the exposition is opened.

There are good reasons for believing the celebration will be the most successful thing of the kind gold excitement has prepared the public mind for just such an exposition in this part of the country. the resources of the State and the products of its consent.

In order to make known as fully as possible the be the most reliable as well as the most interesting others have suffered. ever devoted to the mining industry.

With an exposition so timely and important as to merit the attention of the civilized world, and with a special edition of a newspaper to capably and worthily illustrate it, there is every assurance the Golden Jubilee will be as notable in the annals of San Francisco as the Centennial Exposition in the history of Philadelphia, or the Columbian Fair in that of Chicago.

It is a bright future that glows before us. All prospects promise good. To achieve prosperity we have only to exert our energies in harmonious co-operation. If the ardor and enthusiasm with which the movement for the coming exposition has been begun can be maintained to the end we will accomplish a genuine triumph, derive profits of many kinds and make the celebration a golden jubilee in every sense of the words.

Several States and municipalities are devoting time to an effort to estop flirting between young men and women. If their time is of any value they might as well drop it. The only way to bring about the reform if the change could be so designated. would be to catch the offenders in the act and promptly hang them to the gallows tree, afterward burying them at the crossroads. As such a course is not only unpleasant, but contains some elements of impracticability, perhaps it might be best to refer the whole matter to Charlotte Smith and call off the police.

It appears that a certain young woman who was shot at by a Japanese died of a bullet wound, and would enable the administration of protection not not of fright, as was the first opinion of the doctors, so an intelligent evening paper calls the deed "murder after all." Now, supposing death had up the deficit caused by the free trade experiment. been caused by fright due to the shooting, what would the act have been? Hardly a visitation of tariff as a revenue producer for the nation as well Providence, as implied by the words quoted.

The recent death of John Cosgrave, a noted athlete still in the prime of years, suggests the advisability of revising an old theory that the good die young. It is true that the good may sometimes do this, but for certainty of speedy decease they are simply not in it with the trained athlete who is British system and the free importation of the proud of leather lungs and muscles of iron.

By having the Chief of Police present and merely calling on him to occasionally interfere the San Jose City Council finds it possible to hold peaceful meetings. It is indeed pleasing to observe brethren thus dwelling together in unity.

There is a distressing certainty of starvation in Cuba. At least people die of hunger, and yet yellow journalism has overlooked the chance to say that tables down that way are groaning under their burden of food.

Fitzsimmons says he is sick and tired of answering questions about his intention to fight again. If he thinks, however, that he has a monopoly of the city would be wise as a precautionary measure to sickness, or even of the tired feeling, he is consid- place its domestic animals in a fire-proof pound.

it less in the hor of gain than to administer a re- about the robber nations who want to gobble buke to the anter vian style of locomotion. China.

## GOVERNMENT FOR HAWAII.

NTEREST is beginning to be taken in the form of government which independent Hawaii would adopt, and even annexationists, as their plans go glimmering toward the limbo of things that have failed, are discussing it.

It might prove a good idea to give the people back the ballot taken from them by the Dole oligarchy and let them have a voice in the present government. What is now called the government of Hawaii has never been submitted to the people at all. A majority of the constitutional convention was appointed by Dole, and that majority continued him in power without submitting his candidacy to the people. Since that revolution the Presidency of the United States has changed from Harrison to Cleveland and from Cleveland to Mc-Kinley, and still this country is doing quite well. The Cabinets which govern several other large countries have changed several times since Dole set himself at the head of a republic in which 2 per cent of the people vote and even these are denied the right to change the Presidency by voting for that officer. Of course Mr. Dole is one of the anointed, but he is rather too close a corporation for a republic.

Why not try the experiment of terminating his electors under the constitutional monarchy, and going before them as a candidate for re-election? Presidents in this country have to go before the people, and when they are beaten they have to quit the business and be as polite as possible to their present oligarchy, which is a cross between the Afghanistan.

Surely the delegation of Hawaiians now in present. They do not propose the overthrow of the Dole crowd. They only ask that that gang be not in to turkey and pumpkin pie. permitted to sell the country to the highest bidder for cash. The annexationists have bid \$4,000,000 in cash to pay Dole's debts and \$19 a ton on raw Golden Jubilee go forward with such a vim sugar to benefit the planters. The Hawaiians complain that not only do they get none of the purchase money, but they are not even promised any It is now recognized that the proposal to make the participation in the future government of their own

Again, suppose that these Hawaiians ask what form of government we are to give the islands if we annex them? Who can answer that? The already defeated treaty does not answer it. Senator Morgan's proposition to steal the country by joint resolution does not answer it. The President's message declares frankly his inability to answer it. If annexed the future method of governing ever carried out on the Pacific Coast. The Alaskan Hawaii is in the air. Therefore those people who are to be governed have a better right to ask how we propose to govern them than we have to ask When we issue invitation to an exposition of mines how they propose to govern themselves. It is only and ntining in a State renowned for its gold fields fair to assume that whatevertheform of government we appeal to a sentiment already inclined to ac- they will choose it will conform more closely to our cept. The campaign of education on the subject solemn declaration that governments derive their has been largely done for us, and all we have to do just powers from the consent of the governed than is to make ready to show to all those who come any that we can impose upon them without their

It is also safe to assume that whatever form we impose upon them will be entirely repugnant to our mineral wealth and mining possibilities of the own scheme of government and will establish bewhole of this section of the Union The Call will is- tween the island people and ourselves that inequalsue on Sunday, January 23, a grand special edition ity against which our whole constitution canonizes? that will be a comprehensive summary of the sub- We tread on perilous ground for ourselves when ject. It will serve as a literary and pictorial com- we propose to convert our equal system into a pendium of what the exposition will display. The monster of inequality. No nation has ever done work of compilation and editing is in the hands of this without punishment, and there is no charm in competent experts, and the number will prove to the life of this republic to hold it harmless where

## THE TARIFF AND BUSINESS.

A S the months pass the voice of the freetive tariff becomes weaker and weaker. Reviving prosperity depresses the calamity howler. Only now and then can be heard above the joyous hum of bustling industry the cry of some futile babbler asserting that the tariff will not provide a revenue sufficient to the needs of the Government.

Reports from all trade papers show that the business of the year has been surprisingly large, that the output of some important staple goods, such as iron, woolens, boots and shoes, has been the largest on record, that the exports for the year will probably exceed those of any previous year in our history, and that the balance of international trade is enormously in our favor.

These reports demonstrate what the protective tariff has done for the business of the country, and there can be no intelligent doubt that the reviving prosperity of the people will lead to a larger consumption of products of all kinds which in turn will result in an increase of revenues to the Govern-

According to estimates recently made by Mr. Howell, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, the Dingley tariff, which yielded but \$34,752,322 during the four months ending November 30, would under normal conditions have yielded \$69,574,152, or \$35,-099,830 more than the actual receipts. This would be ample for the needs of the Government and only to conduct the affairs of the nation on a cash basis, but to pay off the debts contracted to make

Time will vindicate the excellence of the Dingley as a measure protective to the industries of the people. We are justified in believing there will not be another tariff fight in the country during this generation. Free trade is a dead issue, and the that made the fight for American industry and American workingmen against the advocates of the products of pauper labor.

According to the New York Herald the railroads are robbing the Government of about \$8,000,000 annually. Doubtless the paper has investigated the subject and it may be correct. The popular estimate, however, would have put the figures higher.

It is not fair for gay young men who waste their substance in riotous living to claim to have been robbed. Occasionally there is a genuine case of hold-up, and the victim will get so that he can't report the fact without forfeiting his reputation.

Chicago was burned once by a cow, and now a pet dog has given it a scorching. Perhaps that

However, the people of the United States who Perhaps the men who held up a bobtail car did favor the taking of Hawaii have no right to howl

## PROSPECTS FOR RAIN.

AIR weather is excellent, but there is such a thing as having too much of it. The long succession of sunny days has filled the farmers with forebodings of disaster. They are beginning to hum the words of the old song, "Spring would be but gloomy weather if there were nothing else but spring." A good rain just now would be more welcome to the State than a visit from a convention of international beauties.

There are as many kinds of weather predictions as there are kinds of men. The ways of the wild goose, the squirrel, the hedgehog and the ram are to some reflecting observers evidences of coming conditions of weather as sure as proofs of Holy Writ. The incredulous who do not accept these signs with faith have a faith of their own in official bureaus or in almanacs. Each man in accordance with his creed is searching his signs now to learn whether we are to have a dry year or a wet spring to follow the fair days Santa Claus brought with him for his comfort during the holidays.

There is no reason why any one should take despondent yiews of the situation. A dry holiday season seems on the whole to be about as good a sign of abundant rains in January as of anything else. According to some records the less rain there term, letting the people vote again who were is at this season the more there will be later in the winter or early in the spring, and there are people wise in rural lore who maintain that spring rains are more valuable than those of winter.

The Ventura Independent has dug from the issue of the Free Press of that city for Decemsuccessors. Perhaps if we guarantee the indepen- ber 22, 1877, the statement of a wise man dence of Hawaii the people may for the first time of that generation to the effect that the try a constitutional republic there in place of the records show the best seasons in Southern California to be those when the rains are light in No-Tammany tiger and the autocracy of the Ameer of vember and December. If the 1877 man was wise, as we may suppose him to have been, we may safely conclude the weather out-Washington pleading for the independence and look for Southern California is all right and that autonomy of their country have no other issue at section is going to have this year a prosperity big enough to spread a table and invite the neighbors

If the outlook is so good for Southern California why is it not equally good for the north? The weather signs of one section should be about the same as those of another. True we have not lead the frosts that have been noted in the south. The callas and geraniums have bloomed unblighted in San Francisco, while there has been ice at San Barbara and chilly waves in San Diego, but that should not affect the rain problem.

We commend to our readers the philosophy of the Ventura man of 1877 and also him of 1897, for both promise the coming of good rains. In fact, if they are right this is to be not a dry year, but a wet one, and the men now complaining of the drought may ere long be borrowing umbrellas and praying for sunshine.

## AN ALPHABETICAL QUESTION.

HE alphabet appears to have played a conspicuous part in the election held on Monday. It is interesting to study the result from an abecedary standpoint.

The practical politicians have always looked upon a candidate with a musical name as a favored child of fortune, but never until the Australian ballot became fashionable have cognomens cut a controlling figure in politics. On Monday it was rumored that large numbers of people had voted the first fifteen names on the ballot. That there was some foundation for this is plainly shown by the returns. For instance, Barry, Socialist Labor candidate, whose name, beginning with B, stands near the head of the ballot, received 1726 votes. Whitney, the last candidate on the list, also representing the Socialist Labor party, received 1332 votes. The space between A and W, therefore, appears to have been worth to Barry about 400 votes.

At Monday's election the official ballot was made trader denouncing the Dingley protectup of two columns. The names of some eight or nine candidates appeared in the second column. Every one of these ran behind the candidates of their parties further up the list, showing that the voters generally selected fifteen names before reaching the second column. That this is the fact is demonstrated by the vote of E. R. Taylor, nominee of the Charter Convention. Dr. Taylor is an ex-president of the Bar Association and has practiced law in San Francisco for thirty-five years. He is well known throughout the city and has served on the bench and in the Legislature. Yet his name begins with T, and that circumstance nearly defeated him.

It has been said that no man can be elected President of the United States who does not bear a musical name. The names of the Presidents are certainly all euphonious. None could be prettier than George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln or Grover Cleveland. A chief magistrate named Dink Botts, Hoke Smith, Abe Gruber, Tobe Scrutchings or Jump Squizzer is inconceivable. A candidate possessing any such cognomen would be laughed off the political stage.

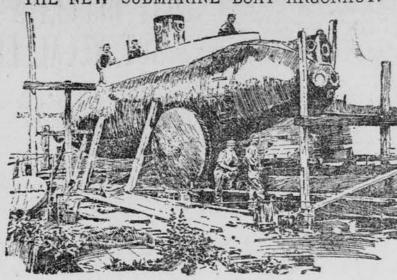
Speaking of the tendency of mankind to abbreviate words, Horne Tooke observed that letters were like soldiers-in the long marches many of them are left behind. The introduction of the Australian ballot with its alphabetical rules suggests the paraphrase that upon long ballots candidates whose names begin with letters located near the end of the alphabet are also usually left behind.

We do not at this time propose any change in the ballot system, but it would appear that unless the people are to be governed in the future by men whose names begin with A, B or C, something will have to be done. It is unfair to defeat a man for office simply because his father was so shortsighted Dingley act lives to attest the wisdom of the party as to have his name commence with a T or a W or

> While a man was in jail at Oakland and could only get out by marrying a certain young woman he was embarrassed by the absence of the \$2 necessary to pay for a license. At this juncture another woman appeared, explaining that she was engaged to the prisoner, but would give him up. Nor was this all. She would go farther in her generosity and advance the \$2 without which he was unable to claim a wife. Such nobility of character excited admiration. And so they were wed, the self sacrificing female being present as a witness. Then immediately after the wedding the witness walked off with the groom, leaving the bride to ponder upon the sweetness and unselfishness of which a woman can be capable. Altogether it was a touching inci-

The gentleman who intends to walk across the Atlantic with a little boat attached to each foot deserves every encouragement. There will be no cause for an inquest, and the remains, instead of being pottered over by a Coroner, will go to cheer some worthy fishes.

## THE NEW SUBMARINE BOAT ARGONAUT.



ecomplished fact. In the presence of a thousand persons the Argonaut, built by Simon Lake of Baltimore, was recently submerged in twenty feet of water and ed at the bottom of the Patapsco or four hours. The craft behaved admirably, fulfilling all the requirements claimed by the inventor. As the vessel lay at anchor she looked very much like a miniature monitor. Her decks were covered with water, only the hollow towering above, supplying air to

After an exhibition of her going pow-rs above water the little craft took up position a short distance from shore, a position a short distance from shore, and in two minutes after coming to a standstill went to the bottom in twenty feet of water and cruised around at the will of those inside. The party which accompanied the inventor say they experfenced no unpleasant sensation. The stops the flow. The diver obtain only time at which the motion of the vessel was felt was when rolling along on a hard bottom. Then there was a severe ble either in going out or returning.

one, as much of the bottom was muddy. Nevertheless the boat plowed through without any trouble. When at a full stop a diver entered an air-tight compartment and made his way out of the vessel. Those within were able to watch him as he moved about at the bottom of the river. A dinner was served under water, and the guests experienced no difficulty while eating.

Three systems can be used for submerged traveling. With the masts, which are hollow, permitting air to come in on one side and go out the other, the vessel can work forty feet under water. In deeper water hose is used, which answers the purpose of supplying air to the gasoline engine, and also supplies the crew. In water 190 feet deep the storage battery is depended upon for power and light and the compressed air reservoir for the air supply.

When the hollow masts are submerged and water pours in an automatic valve stops the flow. The diver obtains his

when the nollow masts are submerged and water pours in an automatic valve stops the flow. The diver obtains his supply of air from a tube running around the top of the vessel, which contains compressed air. He experienced no trouble of the stop of the stop of the vessel, which contains the stop of the sto

#### PERSONAL.

W. H. Brott is at the Cosmopolitan. Dr. P. Craig of Capay is at the Grand. B. C. Thomas of Fresno is at the Cosmopolitan.

Dr. S. N. Cross of Stockton is at the C. W. Smith of Los Banos is at the

W. J. Gregory, a merchant of Hollister,

T. J. Field, a banker of Monterey, is at the Palace. Dr. W. M. Stover of Soledad is regis-

tered at the Grand. F. A. Jackson and wife of Jackson are at the Cosmopolitan.

R. P. Dodge, a merchant of Hanford, is at the Russ with Mrs. Dodge. Louis F. Breuner, a Sacramento mer-

chant, is a late arrival at the Grand. H. L. Porter and M. L. Graff of Los Angeles are late arrivals at the Palace. S. Ehorn, a merchant of Orland, is at the Russ, accompanied by Mrs. Ehorn.

Sheriff U. S. Gregory of Amador Coun-

ty is at the Grand registered from Jack-H. E. Picket, a mine-owner of Placer-ville, is among the late arrivals at the

Lick Tax Collector N. W. Moodey of Fresno County is in town from Fresno. He has a room at the Lick.

Judge L. B. Stearns of Portland and his brother, Judge A. F. Stearns of Roseburg. Ore., are guests at the Lick. Eugene H. Barton of Seneça, Tuolom

County, and Chauncey Wetmore of Son-ora, mining men, are at the Lick. Professor Edwin D. Starbuck of the department of education at Stanford is

at the Grand with Mrs. Starbuck R. Mackintosh and Charles Read, mining men of Salt Lake, arrived here vesterday and are staying at the Palace. Carl H. Nellsen, superintendent of

schools of Sonoma County, is down from Santa Rosa and has a room at the Russ A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, with headquarters in Portland, Ore., is in town.

Ira G. Hoitt, principal of Burlingame School and late State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a guest at the Occidental.

W. G. Barnwell, general agent at Los Angeles of the Southern California Rail-way, arrived here yesterday and will remain until Sunday. Ike Hermann, traveling freight agent

of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, left here last night en route to Portland, Ore., his headquarters. E. P. Colgan, State Controller, and M. Coglan, secretary of the State Board of Equalization, are guests to gether at the Lick and are registered

from Sacramento. William H. Mead of Portland, general agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneap-olisand Omaha Railway and chairman of the Portland City Council, arrived here

John A. Eldridge and James J. Eldridge, bankers of Salt Lake City, who usually spend a part of the winter here, arrived at the Palace yesterday, accompanied by Miss Susie Eldridge. George F. Hatton, late editor of the

Oakland Tribune, and now an attorney-at-law and notary public in the Crocker building, has been appointed attorney for the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore. Alearus Hooper, who has the distinc-

tion of having been the first Republican mayor of the city of Baltimore, arrived at the California yesterday with Mrs. Hooper. He was mayer about the time Sutro was at the head of this city.

W. H. McGuire of Hanford is staying at the Palace. He was recently uated from Stanford University and has purchased what is said to be probably the finest private law library in the San Joaquin Valley, a collection of some \$5000 worth of books.

Among the school teachers that arrived at the Baldwin yesterday was Miss Mary K. Polk, a graduate of Stanford, who is head of the English department in the Santa Barbara High School, and Miss Schallenberger of the department of education in Stanford University.

#### DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS. Mute-The only female that ever goes

without saying.

Patriot—The man who bleeds for the benefit of his country.

Politician—The man who bleeds his country for his own benefit.

country for his own benefit.

Experience—Something that is brought by old age or brings it.

Conceit—The thing that often gets a small man into a large hole.

Windmill—The usual result of a meeting between two pugilists.

Malaria—What the doctor says you have when he doesn't know what ails you.

you.
Christmas—The glorious season when every man gets a divorce from his coin.
Heathens—A class of people who never waste their time quarreling about reli-

# FLASHES OF FUN.

Teacher-Can you tell me, Johnny, which travels faster, heat or cold? Johnny-Heat, of course. Anybody kin ketch cold.-Pittsburg Bulletin.

"Tell me, Rafferty," said Mr. Dolan, "is Clanty still a walkin' delegate?" "No," was the reply.
"Are you sure?"

"Not iv me personal knowledge. But hack be this time."-Washington Star. Rector's Wife-You ought to avoid even

the appearance of evil. Do you, yourself, think the girls who dance are right? Belle of the Parish-They must be. I know the girls who don't dance are al-

"Kase, Marse Tom,"-and here the old man lowered his voice—"you's got a touch er de rheumatism, en you can't

run ez fast now ez you run en-durin' er de war!"-Atlanta Constitution. Miss Westlake-I really believe George Benwood is weak-minded.

Miss Cutting-Why, dear, has he been making love to you?-Cleveland Leader. Beck-What became of that charming little north side widow you used to rave

Peck-Oh, she's married now. Beck-That's too bad; but you always were lucky with your love affairs. Peck-Yes; decidedly so. Beck-By the way, whom did she

marry? Peck-Me.-Chicago News.

A PRAYER FOR EUROPE.

I.

Have pity on the German hordes
That dwell across the Rhine,
And keep them to their simple tasks,
Their mimic war and wine;
Let fres of counsel light their path
And shine their way before,
Let demons never tempt their feet
Upon the Yankee shore!

II.

Have pity on the Spanish dons
Who battle here alone
To keep a foothold on the soil
That once was all their own;
Grant them restraint from cruel deeds
And peace the waters o'er.
And keep their gaileys from the line
That marks the Yankee shore.

III.

Have pity on the English clans That frown the English class
That frown the world to-day,
Their soldlers brave, their women bright,
Their castles hoar and gray;
Keep them from idle, foolish dreams
Of strife with kin once more—
The sky is filled with Hessian ghosts,
Above the Yapkee shore!

Above the Yankse shore!

IV.

Remember him who sits to-day Where star and crescent toes, Nor heeds reproof when human blood Lies spattered on a Cross, Grant Europe eyes to see the crime That lies at Europe's door, Ere yet with boastful voice she calls Along the Yankse shore.

Image of Janus, none we seek
Upon the battle plain:
Our swords are hidden long from sight,
Our cannons rust again.
Welcome we give to hands that come
The wine of peace to pour,
But, if with scabbards, there are graves
Along the Yankee shore!

—John James Meehan in Puck.

## COAST EXCHANGES.

The Christian Monitor was a superbedition, replete with beautiful illustrations and literary matter appropriate to the season. The Wave, News Letter and Star cov-

ered themselves with credit in their respective holiday editions. Verily, the San Francisco weekly press is the peer of that of any city west of New York. The San Francisco Voice of Labor

printed a neat twenty-page holiday sou-venir edition with handsomely illuminated cover, and the appearance of the advertising pages would seem to indicate that the number was profitable to the publishers. The twelve-page holiday edition of the Vallejo Chronicle last Wednesday was a

number creditable alike to the paper and to the town. Scenes of interest on Mare Island, embracing a fine view of the great stone dock, and a picture of Vallejo as seen from the navy yard, were particularly attractive features.

J. C. Yager, beginning with the new year, will be general manager of the Wagner Palace Car Company with his office at New York City. He succeeds J. A. Spoor, who resigned. And W. O. Chase will become general superintendent of the company at Chicago in place of I. C. Yager.

The students of the Santa Chara News, and made ber of the Santa Clara News, and made to the Christmas News in quality of matter and excellence of illustrations has hardly ever been surpassed in that town's newspaper history.

The Redding Searchlight celebrated the commencement of its fourth volume by increasing the size of the paper from eight to twelve pages. It ranks among California, and has materially assisted in advancing the welfare of that section of the successful newspapers of Northern the State.

The Washington Press is preparing a special edition to be issued at the begin ning of 1898. It will contain half-tone il lustrations of the churches, schools homes, business houses and manufacto ries of Washington Township, and will describe the resources, progress and prosperity of "the garden spot of Alameda County."

waste their time quarreling about religion.

Widow—Sometimes a woman who believes she is an example of the survival of the fittest.—Chicago News.

Stop that cough with Low's Horehound Cough Syrup; price 10c. 417 Sansome st. • be vaccinated and he is afraid they may be the distributors of smallpox.

NEWS OF FOREIGN NAVIES.

The first drydock in England was built at Portsmouth in 1495-96 under Henry VII and cost only £193 38 6%d, or \$965 1316 in American money. It was simply an exca-vation, with its sides planked up, and it had no gates, instead of which the en-trance was barred with heavy timbers filled in with rock and clay to keep the water out. One single "ingyne" pumped out the water. Its construction took about seven months, and four tons of iron from \$18.50 to \$20 a ton were used, besides spikes. Carpenters were paid from 8 to 12 cents a day and laborers got from 8 to 12 cents a day and laborers got. 6 cents for their day's work. The dock remained in use until 1623, when it was filled in. There were drydocks on the Continent long before the first dock was built in England.

The best fuel for torpedo boats is said The best fuel for torpedo boats is and to be French briquettes, made from Welsh coal carefully selected and wash-ed. Mr. Yarrow's experience in long runs at high speed with torpedo boats has demonstrated this fact, and when-ever he found difficulty in maintaining the trial speed of his boats resource was had to the French briquettes, which have never failed.

England is the last naval power to adopt electricity on board ships for its varied uses besides lighting purposes. England was also several years United States in introducing electricity for lighting, and now somewhat late realizes the necessity of using electric power for ammunition hoists, turret turn-ing and other labor saving devices hitherto performed by steam or hydraulic

A French armored cruiser, to be called the Monicalm, has just been given out by contract. The ship will be of 2516 tons displacement and is to steam 21 knots under forced draught.

During the recent trial at sea for twenty-four consecutive hours the French cruiser Du Chayla averaged 17% knots per hour. The vessel is 3952 tons dis-placement, or about ninety tons smaller than the Charleston, whose trial speed nine years ago developed an average of 18.7 knots during four hours.

A successful gun trial took place re-A successful gun trial took place re-cently in England on the British gunboat Pincher. It is a new type of the Vicker quick-firing type of 6-inch caliber. This gun fired thirty-six shots in four min-utes and forty-seven seconds whereas the ordinary 6-inch gun can only deliver about one-third that number of discharges in the same time.

All modern vessels for war or mercantile purposes are fitted with water-tight bulkheads, but during recent years there have been several notable in-stances where the bulkheads were found anything but water-tight. sank in collision with the Camperdown in the Mediterranean in 1892 and went down like a stone, notwithstanding her water-tight bulkheads; the Texas, in our navy, sank at the dock through an acci-dent, which, if her buikheads had been An old Georgia negro, hearing that his former master had decided to enlist in the Cuban army, said to him:

"Marse Tom, doan you do no sich fool thing ez dat—doan you do it!"

"Why shouldn't I?"

"Kase, Marse Tow."

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