A "SLACK" IN RAILWAY ENTERPRISE. In the United States the railway "boom" has come to an end, for a while, at all events. The eagerness to build countless miles of new railways has subsided. A prevailing opinion appears to be that Jay Gould and other prominent railway men have agreed to hold up for the present, and make the best of existing roads instead of building new ones, The following quotation from the New York Sun of March 30 is suggestive as to what is in the wind, affecting very much the prospects of the iron trades. A short statement of this kind may convey more than opinions long drawn out:

yesterday by the report that 500 men were to be discharged from the Rogers' locomotive works, more than one-quarter of the entire force of the establishment. The officers of the company say that while the number is overstated it is true that there is to be a large reduction in the force of the establishment. One order alone for ninety establishment. One order alone for ninety locomotives has been countermanded, and more are expected to be. This is declared to be the result of the low state of the railroad stock market. It is impossible to sell the bonds to raise money to pay for new locomotives. As the locomotives will not be delivered without the cash, it is probable that some engines on partly filled orders at the Rogers' works will have to be stored when completed, on account of the impossibility of the railroads paying for them. At the Grant works ten completed engines have been stored for this season, and it is ex-pected that the same disposition will have to be made of others. Two months ago an order that was to be completed inside of a year would not have been taken. Now year would not have been taken. Now the proprietors would be glad of orders to be filled by August. They hope that the depression will be temporary. It is impos-sible to obtain exact figures, but it is said that orders for 150 locomotives have been practically countermanded in all the shops.

A similar state of affairs exists elsewhere.

The Baldwin works at Philadelphia have contracted to deliver a large number of engines for the Pennsylvania railroad early in the summer, although a month or so ago they declined to take the contract and give a guarantee to complete it within a year.

It has been said that if the twenty years exclusion bill, passed by the American congress, were signed by the president, the Chinese government would retaliate with exclusive measure against American commerce with China. Some doubt may be from Washington to the New York Tri-

"There is reason to believe that the current reports legarding retaliatory action by the Chinese government and the with-drawal of commercial privileges from Americans in China are also incorrect. A gentleman who is in a position to speak for the Chinese embassy here denies those reports, and says that the Chinese minister goes to Spain only because he is accredited to that untry, as well as to the United States. A prominent congressman put into a piquant phrase a general feeling w. h regard to the idea that the Chinese government will take offence because a few thousands of its subjects are to be prevented from coming to America, by saving: I don't believe the America, by saying: I don't believe the emperor of China cares a rap about the Chinese."

THE MAN OF NORTH YORK utterly refuses to be snuffed out by the Globe. His name is Erastus Jackson, all the same as it ever was, and he proposes to fight it out on that line. What he charges against the Globe is in substance this—that the metropolitan organ of the reform party has tropolitan organ of the reform party has for years pursued the policy of crushing out old reform leaders, men of note and of opinion was not in favor of this proposal. worth, who refused to submit to Globe dictations. That there is much in this charge

altogether the true liberal and popular view of politics. The "brute majority" argu-

announcement it may wish to make in the other journals of those cities. For instance the Herald and Tribune often advertise in

For instance the other day the Montreal Star wished to make an announcement to the people of Ontario and accordingly offered the Globe the advertisement. It was refused, as other papers have been refused in like manner. And yet the same Globe recently brought an action of this kind in like manner. And yet the same Globe sends an agent every little while through the States soliciting quack advertisements. A respectable journal is refused space; disreputable quacks like Drs. K and K are solicited to avail themselves of the columns.

eriority on the part of the two leading party organs is destined to be short-lived. A organs is destined to be short-lived. A new race of better cheaper, and more independent journals is coming to the front and meeting with hearty recognition to an arry any other lady in Germany, and meeting with hearty recognition from

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AROUND THE WORLD.

The Wisconsin legislature recently adourned to see Booch.

Walter Scott, is again to let. ...A Venetian glass manufacturer is making a great success of ladies' glass bonnets. Some alarm was created in PatersonThe St Louis grand jury recommends block.

> The various waterfalls in the Yosemite valley are said to look very; grand just when there appeared the crowns of several teeth. These crowns were about three ... The Presbyterian Sunday school super-

delphia on April 5 and 6. ... Thirty-three English parishes were dependent for the choice of their rectors on the late dissipated Lord Lonsdale.

ntendents will hold a convention in Phila-

... The mildness of the winter in Sweden has prevented the transportation of produce, and there is great distress among theThe French indirect taxes produced in

the first two months of the year \$5,200,000 more than the estimates, and \$1,200,000 more than in the same period of 1881. ... The affairs of the banking house of 1866, are still in liquidation; £457,895 has been returned to the creditors, and there is a prospect for £80,000 more.

.... A rich discovery of Lacustrine relice has been made at Stockborn, on Lake Constance. They consist of flint and bone implements, pottery, bones of animals now extinct, and a quantity of wheat and oats. .. An old man and his wife died lately at St. Barthelemy-le-Pin, France, at the same hour of the same day. They were born on the same day and in the same parish, and had passed a singularly easy and prosper-

.. The famous horse chestnut tree in the Tuileries gardens, which is wont to blossom only on the 24th of March, in honor, the loyal used to aver, of the Dauphin's birthday, burst into bloom this year on the 28th of February.

.... Mentone, bought from the Prince of thrown upon this by the following despatch | Monaco for \$300,000 by the French in 1860, has, like Nice, acquired in the same year from Italy, advanced with great strides under its present owners. In 1856 the population was 3300: in 1877, 5665. So, again, Nice has grown from 20,500 in 1856, to 45,510 in 1877.

.... William H. Deibert of Leadingville, Pa., is wonderfully deliberate and imperturbable. After eating a dinner in his back from the table and remarked; "Uncle Abe is hanging in the barn." The

.....The greatest activity prevails through-The proper conclusion from this would out the northern part of Spain and at Madbe that, as regards the influx of Chinese into this continent, it is the gigantic Mongolian commercial monopoly of the Six Companies, rather than the distinguished Brother of the Sun and Moon—otherwise the Chinese government—that both the States and Canada has to deal with.

States and Canada has to deal with.

.... No lady who has passed through the divorce court can, at the present time, ap-....The Hibernian blondes had experienced

a hard winter, and when they arrived in against the Globe is known to the province of Ontario in general, and the three ridings of York in particular.

Covington, Ky., a few days ago, the number, of performers was reduced to four women. They undertook to give a show, and an audience of 500 assembled; but creditors It is sound, liberal and that the majority must rule. Take this idea out of liberalism, and what remains? We must pay respect to the majority, or repudiate the railroad station, pelted with mud, eggs

....Two charges of immorality against of politics. The "brute majority" argument does not come with good effect from the liberal side; except on the extreme theory of wholesale corruption in parliament. Even the worst events, so far, do not compel us to accept this.

CHRONIQUES.

The In New York and London it is a common practise for one newspaper to advertise any clergymen were before the Chillicothe (Mo.) Methodist conference a few days ago. That involving the Rev. Prince Wright was sustained, and he was expelled. In spite of a whipping at the hands of a mob in 1879, he had not reformed. But the case of the Rev. J. W. Green had a happier conclusion. He was honorably acquitted, and the verdict of the investigating committee was received with hearty cheers, the presiding bishop joined in the joyful demonstration.

....Elkanah P. Steedman of Cincinnati heard that his daughter had appeared in a charity entertainment at Leominster, Mass., the Times, Star and World and vice versa.

But the "leading newspaper of British clause: "I have heretofore intrusted to But the "leading newspaper of British America" does not think the example of its abler metropolitan contemporary a good one to follow.

* Clause: "I have heretotore intrusted to her a larger share of my property than prudence justified. I shall not leave her anything. I heard she appeared before promiscuous assembles dressed in men's clothing to excite the admiration of the anything. audience, trying to raise money to pay a church debt. I cannot devote any more to such purposes.'

.... Actions for breach of promise are [rare. in Germany. A Miss Constance Kirschner solicited to avail themselves of the columns of the Globe.

Germany, the court source fair plaintiff any pecuniary compensation but the defendant was formally adjudge But the impertment assumption of supriority on the part of the two leading party

... Empress, the female elephant at the Zoological garden St. Louis, has just passed At its present rate of progress The World will in six months or less have two readers for everyone that the Globe has.

The readers for everyone that the Globe has appeared a little dull and seemed to the seemed Any merit that The World may have is her watched closely, but could not deter-

The Clearing House System (From the New York Truth.) Under the old system of banking each bank was managed as an institution an-tagonistic to every other. In all large cities in which four or five banks existed, each

kept a special messenger or runner, whose daily business it was to sort out each morning the checks and claims which in the course of business during the preceding day had come into its possession against the other banks in the city, and to present them to the bank against which they were drawn. To do this sometimes took all day. Now, in the clearing house, each morning at the appointed hour a representative of each of the banks appears, and takes his seat at the desk allotted to his bank, with the checks in his possession against any of the other banks assorted. Promptly at the allotted time the manager begins to call out the names of the banks in an alphabetical order. As the name of each bank is called, the clerks of each of the other banks call out in order the amount of the checks they have against it. The record is made,

and when the list has been gone through mine what was the matter until yesterday, inches long and one-half wide and an inch thick, and made the cause of her indisposition clear. An examination of her mouth corroborated the same thing, the "milkers" having disappeared. Within an hour Em-press began to regain her wonted good health and soon made known that she was longing for something to eat. This loss of her early molars is said to occur at the age of ten years.

with the balance is struck, and in this way amounts of millions are daily settled by the payment of perhaps less than hun This is so admirable a piece of econo

organization that it naturally suggests its extension, so as to embrace the seemingly infinite variety of exchanges which go to making up the business of society. For, Overend, Gurney & Co., which failed in 1866, are still in liquidation; £457,895 has been returned to the creditors, and there is a prospect for £80,000 more.

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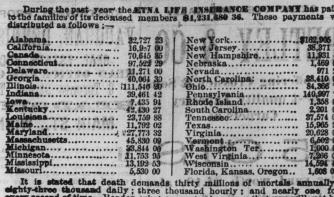
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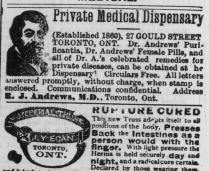
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