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A plague of rats has appeared near Dagneaux, in France. Innnmerable swarms, which come from the direction of Lyons, have invaded many communes, doing great damage to the crops. Some farmers have killed from five to six thousand rats in their fields in a single day.

Few items will be read with more interest than the announcement that between June 15 and July 15 798 miles of New York streets were cleaned, and that in the same period there were 331 deaths less than in the corresponding period hast year. The new broom continues to do its work well.

It is reported that one reason why the death rate in New York is high, as compared with some other cities, is because its floating population is disproportionately large. No account of this fact is taken in the census enumeration, though it is upon this basis that the official weekly sanitary reports are made.

The Herald says that the great Brooklyn bridge is rapidly approaching completion. The chief delay is caused by the tardiness of manufacturers in supplying the steel suspenders, yet the contractors believe that some time in October a promenade across the river will be opened to the public. The event will be welcomed by hundreds of thousands of people.

social favorite in London as ever, and re and breakfast parties than she can possibly accept. She appeared recently at a large dinner party given in her honor in peacock blue beads, worn over a train of satin of the same hue, and shaded with a profusion of old Mechlin lace.

The New York sugar refiners, say the Baltimore Sun, have agreed to continue this week the plan in operation last week, with a view to the curtailment of production one-third. It is to be noted however, that the movement thus far has prices. The refiners have endeavored to put up the price &c- per pound, but with out success, as the market continues inactive at 101. Some of the refiners, it should be added, still hold aloof from the arrangement as inexpedient and as an unwarranted tampering with the market that, in the long run, will be productive of more harm than good.

The Chicago Tribune indignantly de clares that if Hancock had been elected all the letter-carriers in Chicago would have been turned out; that the people care nothing for the "politics" of letter carries; that they may be Republicans, Democrats, Greenbackers, or Prohibitionists, provided they are prompt, active, reliable, and experienced men, and attend faithfully to their duty of collecting and delivering the mails. Where- the chairman of the Council, and in a upon the Richmond Dispatch comments: "And yet we wouldn't be afraid to wager a dime or two that among the there is not a Democrat! There is not them. It was evident he was in a quan one in Richmon I, we are pretty sure. dary. More off there is one in either city he

thing be laid bare relating to appointments in Washington, to say nothing of what exists elsewhere, the unsuspecting portion of the people would be appalled. Not only is there incompetence in the public service, but immorality, vice, wickedness. What would simple minded people probably say were they told that the wages of sin are borne on the pay rolls of departments; that appointments lar deadlock. The facts about this rathare made and persons kept in office on er sensational occurrence have only just grounds that would put to shame the face of virtue and shock every true moral sentiment? Not only do these things exist, but to an extent that few outside of Washington suspect. It is difficult to describe the real state of the case. The ramifications of these things are so ex tensive that it would be difficult to say with any certainty where they do not reach. They permeate the entire public service in Washington. The readers that would not be shocked at a recital of even part of the truth are few. Indeed, the truth cannot be told. Well may one want to know if such things can be and nothing come of it? What would a virtuous-minded citizen think if it were proven that not only one but dezens, more truly scores, of cases exist, as a sample whereof one may be cited, to wit: an officer in a responsible official position having his aistress borne on the lowest prices.

rolls of one of the departments? Let it be repeated, this is not a single case-There are many and many! Well may the virtuous minded Ohio bey from Minnesota lift up his hands in amazement in need make no effort to find out.

A reporter of the Philadelphia Times, who has been making some inquiries into the condition of iron manufactures in that city, writes that all the large establishments are run down with orders, with no prospect of a falling off in their business. The Disstons employ 1,300 men in their aw works, and although running night and day, are a month behind in their supply; and the Baldwin Locomotive Work, employing 3,000 hands, have Mexican orders alone for 200 locomotives, and their contracts will run into 1882. Other factors tell similar stories of the pressure of trade, and it is evident that a recurrence of hard times is not to be apprehended in the immediate future.

A DEADLOCK IN MAINE.

There is a nice little side-show now in progress in Maine, consisting of a dead-Executive Council, on the other. The Governor is Democratic and the Council is Republican. The Governor is in the habit of making nominations and the Council has a way of rejecting them all The latter is headed by Lewis Barker, of Bangor, who seems to be the leader of the band, inasmuch as he makes the sweetest music. The Council have also undertook to play the Governor, that is, to make nominations as well as approve them. But this rattled out as rather thin ice on a too warm toast. Here is an account et Sarah Bernhardt is quite as much of a the centest, taken from last Sunday's New York Herald:

ceives more invitations for dinner parties | The deadlock was in full force on July 13th, when the Governor and Council met as usual. Among the nominations to be acted on was that of Albion Little for trustee of the Reform School. a toilet composed of a cuirass corsage in Mr. Little is a good Republican, and is at present in the office to which the Governor wished to reappoint him. The Republican Council have nothing against him beyond the fact that his name was sent in by the Governor, and they have made it a rule to reject all of his nominations. When the name was presented Connsellor Bowers took the floor and made a furious attack on the Governor, whom he is reported to have grossly insulted. At the close of his tirade he moved that the nomination lie on the not been attended by any advance in table until the next meeting. The object of this move was to give the party time to bring a pressure to bear on Little and Recover their vitality by pursuing a course compel him to decline.

The Governor took the insults with a good deal of nonchalance. At the close of Mr. Bewers' speech, and before putting the motion, he said that he had seen Mr. Little on the subject of his reappointment, and that the latter had given him to understand that the nomination would please him, and would be accepted. This intelligence only served to make Mr. Bowers still more excited than before, and he insisted upon his motion in a manner much more fercible than polite, and made a speech to which his former tirade was but the faint patter of drops as compared with the full blast of the tornado. Other members of the Council joined in from time to time to time to give their champion a lift, and through it all the Governor patiently waited. He then quietly told Mr. Bowers he could not entertain his motion. Mr. Bowers then turned to Mr. Robie. dramatic way demanded that he put the motion. This was a poser for Robie. He wanted to put the motion, but hardly dared to. A dead silence fell upon the three hundred letter carriers in Chicago Council. All looked at Robie and he at

At this moment the Governor put a stop to his cogitations in short order. will take good care to keep the fact to Rising slowly and taking the gavel he brought it down with tremendous force upon the table, and said: "Gentlemen. A double-leaded Washington letter in this Council is adjourned sine die," and the New York Sun says: 'Could every' gathering up his papers and personal effects he returned to his private rooms. The coup d'etat staggered the councilors. They looked at each other in blank amazement They saw that they had been left in most herpless condition, as only the Governor can convene that body. A committee was appointed to wait on the Governor and try to effect a compromise, but the effort failed. An adjournment was then voted to a certain day, but it will have no effect, and as they cannot reassemble there is a regucome to light. They will stir things up pretty lively in politics, and the Secretary of State in Washington may be called on to straighten out this new tangle. Plaisted will fight it out.

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The publication of weather predictions is of great benefit to the community. It enables the mean man to appear generous by promising to take his wife on a pleasure trip the day he is certain that heavy rain will postpone the trip .-Philadelphia Cronicle-Herald. There was a sweet girl named O'Brien,

Her feat were like those of Orion, To the circus she'd go. And she'd look through the show. And scratch the left oar of the lion.

like to take my charmer to the sea, like to have the treezes there blow free, like to hear the music of the band, I like to see the fireworks quite grand, And watch the Roman candle and the

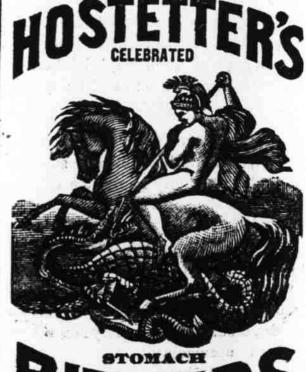
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rocket; " like to treat my darling to hard clams, like to watch her as roast beef she crams, like to give her plenty of ice cream,

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There were half a dozen ladies and rentlemen in a street car, when the driver stopped the car and said: "There is somebody in this car trying to beat lock between Gov. Plaisted, on the one me out of a fare." The passengers looked si le, and an advisory body, called the at each other and all said they had put in their fare. "It don't make any difference. There are only six fares in the box and seven people in the car." Then a gentleman got up and with a sigh put in the missing fare, remarking: "I put in one before, but as I was once in the Legislature everybody will say it can't be anybody else but me, so I'll have to stand it."—Detroit Free Press.

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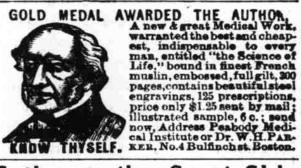


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