HERBERT SPENCER'S PHILOSO-

We have never taken a large amount of stock in Mr. Herbert Spencer, the English philosopher .-Much of his system of "sociology," as he chooses to term his new science, is sheer bosh, though plausibly presented.

In his argument on marriage and longevity he says that greater longevity is not the consequence of marriage, but that a tendency to longevity leads to marriage. His law is that of natural selection and survival of the fittest, by which we are now taught to account for the difference between a whale and a mosquito, or, indeed, between a man and an oyster. Mr. Spencer, it will be seen, is a philosophical Darwin. What Darwin teaches in physical science Spencer applies to "sociology." The rate of marriage, he tells us, is regulated by the ability to meet its responsibilities; and as that ability depends upon intellectual and bodily vigor, prudence and self-control, which are the qualities that favor long life, he reaches the conclusion that the men and women who marry are they who, married or unmarried would, by reason of their bodily and mental constitution, live the longest. Besides, he says, men generally desire women, and women generally prefer men, who are perfect and vigorous, refusing the malformed, the diseased and the illdeveloped types.

But this fine theory is completely upset by a plain newspaper writer who tells the truth and shames the philosophy of Spencer and his school. This editorial philosopher says:

"People marry, full of faith and hope, as well as of love, or mayhap without love they marry, they can hardly say why, thinking that all will be well, and that they will get on somehow. And they do get on, most of them, somehow, and worry through life, taking their share of the joy and sorrows of marriage; often sorely tried, sometimes almost despairing, but on the whole and in the end better for it, with a part of their moral nature developed, of which before their marriage they had no consciousness, and which would surely have remained in a torpid and rudimentary state. Exceptions apart, there are very few married men and women who will not confess that marriage has made them better as well as happier, notwithstanding all their trials. This is one reason why the proportion of the married among the insane is smaller than that of the unmarried. And so also the physicians know that, with all its physical trials, married life is better for women than unmarried. There is something in the fitness of things to the ends for which they were created. What science seems to establish in one decade may be set aside by science in another, but a greater man than Herbert Spencer must arise to convince the world that marriage is not in all respects the best state for both

MORTON AND PINCHBACK.

Senator Morton, of Indiana, is a professional agitator. He meddles in things for the same reasan that a lawyer undertakes a case-because he thinks it is going to pay. But happily he has meddled until men know his vicious character and conspire to put an end to his schemes. His late plan to thumbscrew the South a little more tightly having failed, he is assiduously bully-ragging his brother Senators to make them elevate his mulatto friend, the barber, not of Seville, but of New Orleans, to Senatorial seat. He has given notice that he will press the matter to-morrow. Hitherto the Senate has persistently snubbed Pinchback. We suppose that with the large accession of new and better material in that body it will hardly at this late day pay heed to the importunities of that small fraud, who was never legally elected, and that Mr. Morton will continue to grit his teeth in impotent rage at the South. The resolution of Morton may, however, reopen the Louisiana discussion, which may run on for days and weeks.

We have all doubtless heard of Moody and Sankey, the American rescenes with which they were so familiar, and they and their friends vivalists who have been stirring up the Scotch in religious matters. Rev. time. Here, too, as in the Senate, Dr. Newman Hall describes a late those who were not re-elected occumeeting of theirs at Birmingham, pied themselves in packing up their England. A vast structure intended for cattle, and capable of holding 10,-000 persons, was filled. Sankey sang, and Moody, who did the speaking, does not seem from Dr. Hall's account to be different from the Methodist exhorters to whom we are used in this for display which the theatres here country. He is a powerful natural orator, and uses the accustomed argaments with unaccustomed force.-The scene that followed one of Mr. Moody's appeals, says the Doctor, was like a dozen camp meetings in one .-Moody and Sankey go next to Lon-

The great Force was a farce-the great Farce had no force.

Closing Scenes of 43rd Congress—Con fusion Worse Confounded-Blaine's Valedictory, Etc., Etc.

[Special to Baltimore Sun.]

WASHINGTON, March 4. Both Houses of Congress remained n continuous session all night and up to the hour of noon to-day, when the spectators kept watch in the galleries all through the night. By ten o'clock this morning the entire Capitol building was filled up with spectators, and the galleries were packed as tight as possible. For many hours before the adjournment business was carried on with great difficulty in both the Senate and the House, and it was said that so much disorder had never before prevailed in the former body. The din and confusion, the loud talking and the struggling for precedence on the floor were such that presiding officer of neither house could keep

The Senate was occupied the entire night with the appropriation bills, not finishing the last of them till long past daylight. Then they were immediately sent to conference committees, and the conference reports on all of them were concurred in without opposition, the last of the series having been acted upon before 11 o'clock to-day. Senator Morton did not stay during the night, having no further interest in the proceedings when he found he could not tack the Force bill on to an appropriation bill. His absence made the Democratic Senators comparatively easy, for they knew that no one else was likely to move to take up the bill. After the appropriation bills were out of the way, it was agreed that unobjected bills on the calendar should be acted on. The noise was so great that bill after bill was acted on without any Senator but the one that called it up hearing any more of it than the title. In this way a number of bills slipped through, which in the ordinary course of business would have been successfully resisted .-Among such bills was one to make women eligible to membership in the Medical Society of this District, and several measures which came under the class of jobs. Senator Morton came in about ten o'clock this morning. ' Every movement he made was then closely watched by the Democrats, who did not know but he might in the confusion seek to rush the Force bill through. But all the measures Mr. Morton asked to take up were entirely harmless, and he did not mention the Force bill once.

By the hour of noon the calendar of the Senate was pretty well cleared. The President was at his room in the Senate wing early in the morning, and before the adjournment signed nearly 150 bills. The clerks were kept very busy in running from the House side to the Senate side with the bills, all of which must be signed by the Speaker and Vice President before they are presented to the President for his signa are. A few bills which had passed both houses failed because of the want of time to get them to the President. The Vice President was very nervous, and was not rapid enough in affixing his signature to the bills to please three or four Senators, who added to his embarrassment by handing him, out of their order, bills to sign in which they were interested. Mr. Wilson simply rapped his gavel and declared the Senate adjourned sine die. Then there was a rush of outsiders into the Senate chamber, which filled up so that it was difficult to move about. The Senators whose

terms expired to-day, and who were

not re-elected, were busy packing up

their effects. It was not until two hours after that the chamber was de-Speaker Blaine, in declaring the House adjourned sine die, took the occasion signalize his retirement from the enair, which he has filled for six years, by a neat and well-timed speech. The scene as he delivered his farewell was most striking. The galleries were so over-crowded that a large number of ladies had been admitted to the floor, and their rich costumes thickly sprinkled among the members made a most brilliant scene. The utmost stillness prevailed while he spoke, in his clear, ringing tones, and many leant over to look at the man who was to take his place on the floor in the midst of the turbulent spirits who have given him so much trouble to restrain. When the Speaker concluded there immediately went up a loud and long continued hurrah, accompanied by the clasping of hands, and the waiving of handkerchiefs. This demonstration of good-will, for it was universal, affected Mr. Blaine visibly, and he did not undertake to hide his emotion. The Forty-third Congress was a body of the past when Mr. Blaine left his chair. But the members seemed loth to leave the

books and papers.

Not So Much Dress in Paris. A Paris letter to the Hartford Temes says: Even in opera I have seen less dress than I expected, and far less of that exquisite taste of which we hear so much; and as to the opportunity allord, it is simply nothing compared to that of our theatres, so far as the boxes are concerned, -although the foyer for promenading is capital for this purpose as well as for a comfortable stretching of one's limbs after being miserably cramped in the narrow seats through a long act. But the buildings themselves are simply don, where great results are expected. execrable as to ventilation and general comfort.

staid in the hall conversing for a long

- For spring costumes soft materials still obtain.

STAR-DUST.

- Another volume of Paul Hayne's graceful verse will soon appear. - Turkey is without an American

Minister, but the charge d'affaires is said to be "Goodenough." - John Thomas, of Frankford, N. Y., is cutting a third set of teeth. He is more than fifty years of age.

- The Pennsylvania State Senate has unanimously passed a bill for the pun-ishment of persons writing threatening let-

- When we read that "Maria, wife of John Knabe or of William Munro, is dead, we wonder if embarrassments will not arise in arranging the mourners at the - A Vermont firm, who have the

contract for supplying 240,000 headstones for the national soldiers' cemeteries, use the sand blast to cut the names, instead of the slower operation of chisseling. By this means a name can be cut in four minutes, and five hundred stones a day are turned

- A breach of promise case for \$50,000 was begun in the Marine Court, in New York, on Wednesday, on the part of Miss May Chamberlayne, sixteen years old, against Mr. John Bute Holmes, a well known civil engineer, sixty years of age, the father of several grown up children, and possessing property variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

- If the Beecher-Tilton scandal does not improve the morality of the people it adds several remarkable phrases to literature, such as "stepping down and out,"
"hanging on the ragged edge," and "nest
hiding." And here comes a Miss Anderson
of Virginia, who sues Capt. Blackburne for breach of promise, stating also that she has intrusted him with several thousand dollars of her money, and has heen to him "a wife in every sense the word implies."

- General Fitz John Porter, the new commissioner of public works in New York city, has entered upon the duties of his position, and on Wednesday was pre-sented to the chiefs of the different bureaus of the department. General Porter's appointment seems to have given general satsfaction, and it is predicted he will make an excellent officer. During the war he fell among the loyal Philistines who treated him outrageously, disgracing him from his command. He was a fearless and honorable officer of the Federal army.

> ABIJAH. |Savannah Morning News.]

His official career has closed. His public life is over. Yesterday at noon he seized his venerable drab hat, crammed his unspoken orations into his voluminous carpet-sack and gracefully retired from the arena, upon the ragged edge of which he has so long hung in silent admiration of the eloquence that seethed and surged around im like a fiery sea. Yesterday he represented the State of Florida in | Cape Fear Fibre Co the Senate. To-day he is simply the representative of Abijah Gilbert, Esq., of New England.

It is true he is a carpet-bagger, but that fact is fully atoned for by the marvellous self-control which was one of the chief characteristics of Abijah as a Senator. His term of office ran through one of the most stirring periods of American politics, yet never has he, by word or sign, given evidence of any interest in these events. Never has his voice been heard in the Senate, save in the enunciation of the impressive yea or the solemn nay. Neither questions of privilege nor points of order possessed any charms for him; nor did he ever find it necessary to rise and move an adjournment. Silent and impassive-a voiceless memnon-he sat and watched with indifferent eyes the Drama of Politics. He saw hollow-eyed Avarice lead shrunken Ambition to her untimely grave and Honesty flee shrieking from the capitol-and yet he made no sign. He saw the rise and fall of the Credit Mobilier statesmen, and bowed gravely to the retiring form of Smiler Colfax as that worthy passed from public life, bearing in his arms the remains of his dead reputation-but there was no comment from Abijan. The silence that enveloped him was too profound and impressive to be broken by the chatter of commonplace politicians. Debate grew faint Hewett, Jao W when he roached his careless curls, and discussion died into sepulchral whispers when it approached his desk. If Abijah had no other virtue this quality of silence is rare enough to render his name immortal. In a Holmes, Jno L country where the gift of gab is hereditary, silence is golden, and for that reason we are inclined to magnify the stoicism of Abijah. Would that some fitter pen could pay tribute to his mordacious impassiveness.

In the years to come he will stand the central figure of American mysteries. While other statesmen have talked themselves hoarse and fatigued the public ear his virgin eloquence Larkins, Owen has never been wasted upon the deshas never been wasted upon the desert air. Never has his arms sawed the dusty atmosphere of the Senate, nor his voice grated harshly upon the ear of the galleries. In the midst of the universal talk he has held his peace, and thus by the unusual and overpowering eloquence of silence has aroused the admiration of a dis-

criminating public. What to him were the platitudes of politics? The morbose volubility of Senators struck no responsive chord in Abijah's bosom. He had gauged them all. The syphilitic senility of Morton, the scholarly imbecility of Conkling, the easy mendacity of Jeremiah Colbaith, the slang of Logan, and the disgusting commonplaces of Clayton and Cannon, glanced harmlessly from Abijah's armor of steel. Ae he has given way to a better man, it should be put down to his credit that he never joined his fellow carpet baggers in their wild schemes stokely, Jas. est of Sutton, Martha J or plundering the South, nor was his name ever connected with any of the jobs which has made the name of Radicalism a by-word and a reproach among honest men. It is only one case in an age that one can have the opportunity of commending a carpetbagger for being at least fairly honest, and it is a rather pleasing privilege. As for Abijah, we suppose he will slip into some comfortably obscure place in the Land of Flowers and frauds and let the world slide on.

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Through Sleeping Cars on night trains for Charleston and Augusta. Gen'l Sup't. nov 24-tf

NOTICE. MAYOR'S OFFICE,

City of Wilmington, Jan. 23d, 1874. PROM THIS DATE AUCTIONEERS ARE prohibited selling horses or stock of any kind in front of the City Market. Princess street, from the Eastern line of Front street to the Western line of Fourth street, or Second and Third streets, between the Northern line of Market and the Southern line of Chesnut streets, are designated for this purpose by order of the Mayor.

J. H. ROBINSON, City Marshal