Illinois May Purchase Scenic

Starved Rock.

mission to investigate Adaptability

-Known to Early French Explorers

and Missionaries-Visited by Mar-

quette, Joliet and LaSafle-Fortress

"St. Louis" Erected on Summit by

While not as awe-inspiring as the

Colorado or as picturesque as the Hud-

son, the Illinois river, through La

Salle county, past Ottawa and beyond

for a distance of twenty miles presents

a composite picture of the grand and

picturesque, that is no where equalled

in the United States. Starved Rock

and the canyons, Deer Park, Buffalo

Park and scores of natural parks, rich

in historic lore and abounding in in-

terest to the student and pleasure seek

er alike, attracts thousands of visitors

every year. Pre-eminent among them

all is Starved Rock, an enduring monn-

ment to the bravery of a vanishing

race and a land mark around which

clusters the stories of ploneer history.

History of Starved Rock.

lent in the native language of the Algon-

quette and Jollet in five canoes made

About seven years inter an exploring

the work of fortifying was commenced

under the direction of Tonti. This for-

dred years little was known of the

The remnant of the Kaskaskias fol-

STARVED ROCK.

Illinois made the Illinois river their

line of defense with forts at Joliet

Marseilles, Starved Rock, and Peorla.

After the close of the French and In-

dian War, when the English wrested

Canada and the territory between

Ohio and the Mississippi from the

French, Pontiac, a great chief of the

Cahokia in 1768. The Pottowatomies

and the Ottawa then began a war of

extermination against the Illinois, Aid

ed by the Kickapoos on the south, the

Illipois were at last driven to the shell

ter of the stronghold fortified by LA

Salle and Tonti, and, unable to scale

the rock, the revengeful enemy late

siege and cut them off one by one

until starvation terminated the lives of

the remaining warriors of the Illinois

historical facts should not be left to

"Rock of the Illini" should belong to

the state of Illinois. It was the first

central point of white civilization in

the Mississippi valley. Here Mar-

quette sacrificed his life in founding

the Mission of the Immaculate Con-

ception. Here was to have been the

realization of La Saile's dream of a

great French empire, and here Tonti

built Fort St. Louis long since crum-

The state legislature at its last ses-

sion adopted a bill presented by Repre

sentative Scanian authorizing the an-

pointment of a committee to investi-

gate the adartability of Starved Rock

and other regions for state park pur-

poses. The bill has been signed by

3overnor Deneen, and it is to be hoped

that the efforts for the preservation of

A place so rich in scenic beauty and

ous nationalities and classes have been Ottawas, formed a confederacy of the

attracted here. This has resulted in a Indian tribes and attempted to expel

population of remarkably liberal, en- the English. He was defeated at De-

terprising, progressive and public-spir- troit in 1763, and was murdered at

little about. It has succored so many the mercenary spirit of the age. The

Canada, and the tribes united.

gave the rock its name.

This natural prominence was not

Central.

Growth of the City of Ottawa.

HISTORIC ROCK

deep waterway becomes a reality, Governor Densen Will Appoint Com-

their entire length east and west. Its precipitous sides it was known as

the same improvements will be started quin family. In 1673 Fathers Mar-

ture. Its permanent sidewalks extend their way up the Illinois river to

throughout the city. Its educational fa- where the Kaskaskias were encamped

cilities and advantages are second to below Starved Rock. It was then

none in the state, its schools being of that the "Rock of the Illini" became

which is equal to any school of its kind | party of Frenchmen, among whom

in the United States, and is so recog- were Robert Cavalier de La Salle.

nized abroad. It also has the Pleasant | Henry de Tonti, and Louis Hennepin,

View Luther College, Business College, the latter a Francescan friar, visited

Convent and several other educational the rock and upon its summit in 1682.

the highest character, both public and known to white men.

Tonti.

Growth of the City of Ottawa.

No city in the state of filinois, nor, in-

deed, in America, offers a more prolific

theme for favorable comment than Ottawa, one of the most important com

mercial centers in the state, which has

leaped into a world-wide industrial

prominence through the manifold and

extensive industrial establishments lo

well adapted for a business center,

With its two rivers and the canal, its

ple shipping facilities. And when the

which even now is almost an assured

fact, the city of Ottawa will leap into

still greater prominence as a commer-

Place of Residence.

As a place of residence few cities in

the state present more delightful spots.

With its varied scenery it presents a

Boulder in City Park Marking Lin-

coin-Douglas Debate, Ottawa.

picturesqueness that appeals to the

eye and delights the beholder. The en

tire of East Ottawa, an exclusive resi-

has its principal streets paved, and

in West Ottawa in the not distant fu-

private. It has a township high school

Principal Buildings.

are the country court house, the coun-

ty jail, the appellate court house,

school buildings, township high school

and grade schools, Reddick Library,

building and many others. Its busi-

ness houses are equal in proportions

to those of other cities many times the

Well Supplied with Water.

there being over one hundred flowing

wells in the city, and from 300 to 350

feet deep. The city also has a system

of waterworks, consisting of six ar-

testan wells which can furnish 4,000,

000 gallons per day. It is served with

pure water through about twenty miles

of mains. It has a fully equipped

Newspapers.

pers, all of them the very best of their

class. Three daily papers and eight

weeklies are published here, and all

Ottawa and Its Churches.

healthful, the moral and social atmos-

phere is excellent. The religious ele-

ment predominates, being represented

as follows: Adventist, Baptist, Catho-

He. Congregational, Christian, Chris-

tian Science, Episcopal, Evangelical,

Pree Methodist, Lutheran, Methodist,

Presbyterian. There are nineteen

churches in the city, many of them be-

The People of Ottawa.

Ottawa's population is truly cosmo-

politan. It consists of earnest workers

from nearly every nationality repre-

sented in the United States. By a sort

of natural selection and affinity, push

ing active and brainy, men of the vari-

ited citizens whose views are not cir-

cumscribed by narrow, sectarian cr

generous, hospitable and ever ready

and anxious to welcome a man, an in-

stitution or any enterprise which gives

promise of aiding in the expansion and

The Ryburn Memorial Hospital is

one of the valuable institutions which

Ottawa people possess as a city, but

which many of the people know very

sick and wounded that the people won-

der how they could get along without

opened to the public September 19

1888. It is housed in a large three-

story mansion dedicated for that pur-

Washington Park.

public park, frequently called Wash-

It contains the mammonth boulder

presented to the city by Illini chapter.

Daughters of the American Revolution

last August, to mark the spot where

Lincoln and Douglas stood when they

made their commemorative speeches

fifty years ago. In this park the peo-

ple have great pride and interest. It

is well kept and is a great convenience

and comfort to the citizens.

The beauty spot of the city is the

The Reddick Public Library was

growth of the city industrially, com-

mercially, or intellectually,

pose by Hon. Wm. Reddick.

ington Square.

ing fine edifices.

The city of Ottawa is orderly and

are in a very flourishing condition.

Ottawa is well supplied with newspa-

and well managed fire department.

Ottawa is well supplied with water,

The principal buildings of the city

institutions.

size of Ottawa.

The site of the city is remarkably

cated here.

OIS PRESS

Forty-Fourth Annual Convention at Ottawa.

MEMBERS ATTENDED

Newspapermen Welcomed to the City by Mayor James F. Farrell-Meeting Was One of the Largest, Most Intereating and Most Successful of Its Kind Ever Held in Illinois-Business interspersed with Plenty of Enter talament.

The forty-fourth annual convention of the Illinois Press Association was held at Ottawa, June 16, 17 and 18. Every part of the state was well represented by the fraternity, there being about 175 members of the association present, among whom were many of the leading newspaper men of the state, who as usual took a most active | LaSal'e. part in the proceedings. Many were accompanied by their wives and daughters and the meeting was one of the ingrest, most interesting and successful conventions ever held in Illinois.

It was evident from the opening of the session to the close that the members did not merely assemble for pleasure but they were intent in getting all the benefit from the convention that was possible. Many questions of importance to the craft were taken up



S. K. STROTHER. Retiring President of the Illinois Press Association,

and thoroughly discussed, thus making each session valuable to them in many

The first session was held Wednesday forenoon and was called to order by the president, S. K. Strother of the Courier, Taylorville. The invocation was given by Rev. J. L. Albritton, of projecting masses, much resembling D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Church of Ottawa. An address of welcome was given by Mayor James F. Farrell of Ottawa. The response was given in a very happy manner by Charles W. Biles of the Hillsboro

On Wednesday afternoon President Strother gave his address, which was greatly appreciated and elicited much comment from the craft, and it was a very able and interesting effort.

"Printing Government Envelopes" was a topic discussed by Charles W. Warner of the Hoopeston Chronicle.

A business session took up the remainder of the afternoon, at which time many important questions were disposed of. The query box contained numerous questions which brought out considerable discussion.

Wednesday ovening the Ottawa Theater was crowded with an enthusiastic andience to hear the annual address given by Attorney General William H. Stead, his subject being "The Trail of the Yankee." This city being Mr. Stead's home, his lecture was greatly enjoyed by the citizens here as well as by the newspaper fraternity of the state, to whom the General is well The address was unusually interesting and was well received by the entire audience.

Thursday morning the members of the association boarded the street cars and were taken over the city to the Federal Plate Glass Works, where they had an opportunity to witness the process of making plate glass. And, by the way, there is no glass factory in the United States where a better qualfty of plate glass is made than right here in Ottawa. In fact, expert judges claim that no superior glass is made anywhere. The visitors were taken through the entire works and the process of glass making was wib nessed, the kinds of sand used, the machinery, etc. This visit to the factory proved one of the most interesting features of the day to the newspaper men. Returning to the city again, they lined up in front of the Ottawa Theater and a photograph was taken of the group.

The program was again resumed by George W. Hughes of the Clinton Register, who in a very hamorous vein discussed the "Real Country Editor." Mr. Hughes is well qualified to discuss this subject and his dry humor made the address doubly interesting.

Thursday afternoon the members of the association boarded a special Chicaro. Ottawa & Peoria electric car and made a trip to Marseilles, where they were esecrited to the Marsatawa Country Club, where a reception was thus giving increased facilities by con held, and the guests served with a buffet funch. An address of welcome necting with the Chicago & Alton and

nade and responded to by a member of the association. An inspection of the dam across the Illinois river was made, and then the visitors were escorted to some of the leading indus-

tries of that city. Returning from Marseilles to Ottawa they were escorted to the Ottawa Tent Colony, where a banquet was served. and they were shown over the beautiful grounds of the colony, which company has been organized for the treat-

ment of tuberculosis. Returning from the Tent Colony, they became the guests of the Ottawa facilities for manufacturing interests IS RICH IN EARLY LEGEND Boat Club, where they were treated to are unsurpassed. Its railroads give ama stereopticon lecture on "Starved Rock" by Horace Hull of Ottawa. This lecture is unusually interesting and was greatly enjoyed by the newspaper men, Mr. Hull being an excellent and entertaining speaker, and has a happy faculty of presenting his subject in a cial center. very realistic style.

This was followed by a reception and ball, which was largely attended. Friday morning was taken up with the memorial exercises and reports of committees. This was followed by a business session and the election of officers, after which the convention ad

The list of officers and committees is as follows: President-W. T. Bedford, Tribune,

First Vice President-H. F. Dorwin.

State Journal, Springfield. Second Vice President-W. H. Freeman, Signal, Chicago Heights.

Third Vice President-J. M. Sheets, Oblong Oracle, Oblong. Secretary-J. M. Page, Democrat,

Jerseyville. Treasurer-Eugene P. L'Hote, Her-

ald, Milford. Executive Committee-Terry Sing

mons, Plaindealer, Marseilles; Chas. W. Warner, Chronicle, Hoopeston; 8 K. Strother, Courier, Taylorville. dence district, has all its streets paved Auditing Committee-J. W. Wild Free Press-Gazette, Nokomis; Eugen north and south, while center Ottawa | the "Rock of the Illini," or its equiva-

P. L'Hote, Herald, Milford; J. N Stokes, Journal, Highland. Legislative Committee-Hon, E. A. Snively, Springfield,

The finale to the convention was Fr day afternoon, when a trip was mad to the historic and most famous Starved Rock, and was the most en joyable trip made during the cenven tion. The trip was made down the litt nois river on boats, and as they moved down the stream the editors of Illinois were given the opportunity to view th most beautiful river scenes in th state. It is a fact that the grand old Illipois valley has more beautiful and varied scenery than in any other por tion of the state. The bluffs west of Ottawa are vast and abound in scen ery, some of it wild, almost savage in its stern, cold grandeur, some of its softly beautiful in its serene and quiet loveliness. The bluffe are often vertical walls of St Peter's sandstone, a soft rock easily acted upon by water, heat and cold and in places containing bisulphide of troo. pyrite, sulphur, fool's gold-which is eastly decomposed in the presence of moisture. The consequence is that these rooky walls present a continuous succession of ove; hanging cliffs, gorges the ruins of some gigantic and massive structure, the work of genti rather

GROWTH OF THE

than map.

One of the Most Beautiful Places in Illinois.

HAS POPULATION OF 15,000

Range and Beauty of Prospect DIfficult of Being Equalled Elsewhere. Owing to the City's Location Between Two Prominent Bluffs-Railway Connections Are Good, and Rivers and Canal Add to the Ship ping Facilities.

The city of Ottawa, with a popula tion of 15,000, the county seat of La Saile county, and one of the most beautiful cities in the grand state of Illinois, is pleasantly situated at the function of the Fox and Illinois rivers ft is also on the line of the Illinois and Michigan canal and has many natural advantages. Lying mostly between two prominent bluffs, about a mile and a half apart, nor h and south, and upon a plateau extending east and west for three br four miles, the configuration of the valley and bittle gives the location of the city a range and beauty of prospect difficult to be equalled else

Ottawa is situated eighty-four miles little southwest of Chicago, upon the main line of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Rallway, and a branch of the C., B. & Q., running from Streator to Aprora, where it connects with the main line of that road. It is also on the interurban line (Chicago, Ottawa & Peoria Raffway), from Sene a to Princeton, making connections with the Big Four at Seneca, the Illinois Central at La Salle, and the main line of the Burlington at Princeton, thus

giving ta lood facilities cast and west

and north and south. In addition to

these, there is now under construction

an interurban line (main line of the

Chicago, Ottawa & Peorla Railway).

connecting Otttawa with Streator, and

Railroads and Connections.

held twice a year, in the spring and front of each is a lighted lamb, em-

Even in England these curious mar-Oorkon maidens, who at stated inter- Hill, Surrey, on each recurring Good

that's responsible for your husband's iliness. He has a severe attack of

More Remarkable. Dr. Pillem-You needn't worry about your wife. She has a remarkable constitution!

Hennex-Say, doc, you ought to see her by-laws, rules and regulations!-

MARSEILLES IS THRIFTY OTTAWA CITY FOR STATE PARK Advantages of Site Recognized

One of Cleanest Spots in When the first white settlers passed Valley at That.

These Are the Agencies Which Furnish the Power, Otherwise the Place Might Be Called the "Smoky City"-Members of the Illinois Press Association Make an Interesting Tour of the Points of Industry and See the Sights.

Were it not for the use of water power and electric power. Ottawa, instead of being one of the cleanest spots in the Illinois river valley, might be called the "Smoky City" owing to its large number of factories.

During the visit of the members of the Illinois Press Association to Ot- Judge. tawa they were taken for a tour of the factories, where work that was of the greatest interest to them was being done. The presence of so many factories in Ottawa is due princi; ally | speaker?-Judge. to the natural resources, which inproofing material, and to the presence of large bodies of silica saud adapted to the mannfacture of glass and used in steel molding.

in the United States is located at Ot- girl." "Well, you can't expect a match tawa, making building material that is shipped to all sections of the country. Another large plant owned by the same company is located just outside the city limits. A large fre brick plant is located just east of the city, and company engaged in the manufacture of terra cetta has a large plant west

the editors visited, however, was a plate glass factory, where the raw san1 was taken from a pit and turnet into plate giars, said to be the finest in the world. The editors were taken to the plant on the street cars and were shown the entire process, the sand being melted into a mass of sizzling stuff that was poured into a mold, over which a heavy roller was passed. Then

U. S. Silica Co. Plant, Ottawa, III.

water, is said to be the quickest work The new concrete dam was put in down stream on the site of the old Borce was building this dam, at the same time he was fighting injunctions not a factory lost a day for want of power. Although not required to put in a temporary dam, Mr. Boyce paid

of the size necessary, all done in high

rents amounted to. Now, since the water power has been tested for several years and found as steady as steam and always strikes or break downs to be taken into consideration, nearly 8,000 horse

Not finding an immediate outlet fo his power at Marseilles, Mr. Boyce is building a pole line on the tow path of the old Illinois and Michigan Canal from Jollet to LaSalle, through the

at Marseilles. This pole line is the first one to be poles being reinforced with one-half inch high carbon steel bars. Mr. Boyce's engineers would not be responsible for the construction of, or make plans for a concrete pole, so he took the entire responsibility upon him-Starved Rock will not have been in self and they have proved a success.



W. D. BOYCE.

Long Years Ago.

down the Illinois River they recog-

nized that here at the site of the pres-

ent prosperous manufacturing city of

Marseilles, with a population of 5,000

people, was the only natural water

power on the river, located as it is, at always known as Starved Rock. When the head of the only rapids on the Illithe eyes of the white man first beheld nois River, up which a boat has never passed in high or low water. The "Niagara of the West" is what the old settlers used to call the Rapids. At old map of the town site, printed eighty years ago, shows the great possibilities of the future city owing to the water power at this point, and the boomers of those days were not slow, as they stated in bold faced type that of the city. a ratiroad had been built as far west as Erie Pa., and would be extended to Marseilles, Ill., next year. So much for past history and predictions. Now for the realization.

The old timers recognized then that when nature does anything it does it better than man can do it; that wa ter power was nature's power for manufacturing purposes.

tress was named St. Louis and about this stronghold. Tonti gathered the Beveral dams have been built at Illinois, the Shawnees from the Wa-Marseilles-the last log dam was built bash and the Miamis from Lake Michforty years ago, but the new concrete igan, over twenty thousand in all and dam was put in by Mr. W. D. Boyce Ryburn Memorial Hospital, postoffice offered them protection against their five years ago. Up to the time common enemy, the Iroquots of New the Sanitary District water was turned York. Tonti succeeded in defeating the in, the power varied too much between Iroquois in a flerce battle and drove summer and winter. At least during them back to New York and compelled | the three dry months in the summer there was only about a 25 per cent them to sue for peace. In 1702, the pormal quantity of power to be se French abandoned this route from Canada to the Gulf, and for one huncured. This variation constantly in terfered with manufacturing, and was rock until that event took place which In many cases the cause of financial disaster, but with the coming of the Lake Michigan water on its course lowed the French to the new Karkasdown the Illinois river to the Missis kia. The Pottowatomies came down stppi, and Mr. Boyce's ownership. everything has changed. Five hunfrom Wisconsin and the Ottawas from dred thousand cubic yards of rock and dirt were removed to carry the water to the big turbine wheels in the immense factory and mill flumes. Fifty thousand cubic yards of concrete were put into the dam and beadrace walls, and everything done under the charge of the best up-to-date engineering. When the old dam went out in the apring time, and the river was full of water, Mr. Boyce put in a temporary needle dam 930 feet long in thirty-one days and stayed on the construction day and night himself, and for twentynine days out of those thirty-one, it is said he pever took his clothes off ex-

> ever recorded in this country. one in seventy-two days. While in the courts nearly every day. ten times more to protect the industries of Marseilles than all the water

ready to use, with no shortage of coal, power is being used at Marseilles by the four big paper mills, the agricultural works, publishing houses, elevators, light and water works plans, and many other smaller concerns, which use electric current made by water power, and Marseilles has doubled in population and is growing faster than any city in Illinois.

center of all the towns on this canal.

The line is now completed as far east as Morris, and west to Ottawa. and electric current is being supplied from the large hydro-electric station

OF FACTORIES

AND ELECTRICITY



the glass was placed in an annealing oven, where the temperature was gradnally reduced. From that denartment | you had much personal experience with It went to the polishers, cutters and hard work." "Of course not. I hired finally the packers.

There are three glass factories in Ottawa. The plant just mentioned makes only plate glass. Another makes lamp chimners and the third makes opalescent glass. There are but few cept to change them. The replacing factories in the United States where of the old dam by a temporary one such glass is made. The glass is all shellfish 'ceptin' aigs."-Everyturned out containing all the colors of | body's the rainbow, and possessed of an equal amount of the beautiful.

> Other factories of interest were vis-Ited by the editors. Among the most interesting were two piano and organ factories, both running full blast. The instruments are made from the raw material into the finished article, and the process is a most interesting one. There are six factories in Ottawa of

interest to everybody, and to the farmers in particular, and what interests a farmer always interests an editor. At these places are manufactured cultivators, corn shellers, grain elevators, cream separators, wagons, carriages, buggles, pumps, horse collars, hay tools and many other articles used on the farm.

Employed in these factories are more than 1,600 men. The pay roll amounts to \$900,000 per year, \$75,000 per month, \$18,750 per week. The factory employes are mostly Americans, and many of them own their own

In addition to the factories there are two plants in Ottawa that mine sand which is shipped out of the city to glass factories in other sections of the country. The sand is found in bodies of great thickness, and employment is given to many men. An average of one thousand car loads of this sand are shipped out each month.

The freight on sand shipments alone out of Ottawa exceeds a half million

dollars a year. Great electric power is developed through the use of the water from the Illinois and Michigan canal. The electricity used in lighting the city and propelling the street cars of the city is developed by water power. Several factories use water power, and other factories use the electricity which is given at a low figure for man ufacturing purposes.

Silly Doctor.

Doctor-Perhaps It's your cooking

Miss Boston-The picture was badly hung. Miss Concord—And yet very well executed.

"Why are you so enthusiastic about pedestrianism?" "Because I can't afford an auto."-Pittsburg Post.

"What happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?" "He has cold feet, ma'am." Bride-Here is a telegram from

papa. Bridegroom (eagerly)-What does he say? Bride (reads)-Do not return and all will be forgiven. First Office Boy-De boss' grandmudder died last night. Second Office

Boy-Gee! I wonder if he's goin' to de ball game.-Philadelphia Record. Mrs. Knicker-Do you let Bridget eat with the family. Mrs. Bocker-

Yes: it's much cheaper than to have her eat with the policeman.-Puck. "I see Robinson's married againmarried his first wife's sister." "Yes. He said he didn't want to have to

break in another mother-in-law."-He-Congress will never be composed of women. She-Why do you think so? He-Can you imagine a house full of women with only one

Dr. Pillem-You needn't worry about cludes clay especially adapted to the your wife. She has a remarkable conmanufacture of brick, tile and fire stitution. Henpex-Say, doc, you ought to see her by laws, rules and regulations.-Life.

"I see that young Noodle and Miss Sharp have made a match of it. He's One of the largest fire; roofing plants | got no head at all, but she's a clever to have two heads to it."

Mistress-Well, Bridget, do you want to leave or stay? Cook-Don't thry to boss me. Faith, I dunno. If yez want me to sbtay. I'll lave, an' if yez want me to lave. I'll shtay!

A tall man applied for a position as overseer. "What do you know?" he One of the most interesting places | was asked. "I don't know anything." he replied, "but I'm tall enough to look over all the men you've got.

Teacher-Jimmie, suppose you had ten apples and ten oranges, at ! gave nipe-tenths of them to some other littie boys, what would you have? Jimmie-I'd have me head examine !

"Little boy, don't you know that you shouldn't go fishing on Sun-lay?" Sure I know it, but you see the fish ain't been educated up to keeping the Sabbath yet."-Detroit Free Press

"My lazy son has at last de tried on a profession that he thinks he'll like." "Good. What has he chosen." "He wants to be a lineman for a wireless telegraph company."-Cleveland Leader.

"And you wouldn't begin a journey on Friday?" "You bet I wouldn't!" "I can't understand how you can have any faith in such a silly superatition." 'No superstition about it. Bagurday's

Rampus-Yes. I'm willing to admit that football is a good game for the who play, but most of the students take no part in it. Campus-Well, we've got to have somelesty to root for us. haven't we?-Philadelphia Ledger.

"Yes," sald Mr. Dustin Stax, "I have succeeded in life, and by the hardest kind of work." "You don't look as if it done."-Washington Star.

The guest glanced up and down the .dll of fare without enthusiasm "Oh, well," he derided finally, "you may bring me a dozen fried oysters." The olored waiter became all apologics. "Ab's very sorry, sah, but we's out ob

A lade was applied to for charity by a well-dressed woman. 'Are you martied?" was the question. "Tes." "What is cour linsteard?" "Out-o. work." "But what is be when he is in work?" asked the lady "You don't understand, miss," was the reply. "He's a regular kit-o'-worker."

Was there ever a better example of he witty and conclse form of expression than the answer of the grim man who, when asked about the character of a neighbor, sententiously replied: "Mister, I don't know very much about him, but my impression is, he'd make a first-class stranger."

"I declare," says the young housewife. "I don't know what we are to do, when round steak costs as much as porterhouse. It is outrageous." "Yes, mum." agrees the marketman "What's a body going to do if this keeps on?" "I would advise you, mum, that bein' the case, to eat porterhouse."-1.ffe.

Young Wife (rather nervousis) -Oh, cook. I must really speak to you. Your master is always complaining. One day it is the sonp, the second day it is the tish, the third day it is the joint-in fact, it is always something or other. l'ook (with feeling)-Well, mum, I'm sorry for you. It must be quite hawful to live with a gentleman of that sort .-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mr. Youngmarrie (tasting)-What makes the oyster stew so thick and sweet, dear? Mrs. Youngwarrie-f can't imagine, John; I made it exactly according to the recipe: "one dozen fine. large oysters and one quart of rich milk." The milk was lovely, and it came in cans, and I had to use four cans to make the quart. I thin tha grocer called it "condensed" mila .-The Bellman.

More San-Spots.

The pun is not regarded as a high order of humor; nevertheless a good pun is irresistible. A writer in the Baltimore American relates this conversation:

"Who is that neglected-looking little boy with that awfully dirty face?" "He is the child of Professor Sonnenshine, the noted astronomer who lives over the way."

000 baptisms for last year, and a "Oh, is he? Come here, little boy, membership of 2,142,039. Sunday Run home and tell your father he school teachers number 210,439, with doesn't need his telescope to see spots on the son."

CURIOUS MARRIAGE MARKETS.

European Countries. marriage market (or fair)

sing, dance | casement of his bedchamber.

ries a nosegay tied with bright-colored autumn. The Tunisian girls attend in blem of conjugal fidelity. A young man celebrated in various rural localities ribbon in her hands. If a lad is at- their hundreds, each with her dowry feels attracted. He gently blows up- are marriage marts in all but name. tracted by a maid he plucks a flower in coin and jewelry disposed about on the flame, extinguishing it. The from her bunch. She pretends not to her person. The "golden girdle of girl relights it; it is a rejection. It was held recently at Ecaussines | notice, but when the merry-making | maidenhood" encircles her waist, and | she leaves it alone, the offer is accept Belgium has many counterparts breaks up at dawn, she will, if she re in it is an unsheathed dagger. When ance. In several of the more re ciprocates his feelings, tie the entire this is gently removed by a passing as cantons, for example, there | bouquet by the ribbon to the handle | gallant and presently returned, it | kets are not unknown, although they hald what is known as the feast of of the door of the cabin wherein he means that a proposal has been made. are not openly acknowledged as such. ads. The marriageable mate resides or fling it through the open A prettier custom prevails among the One has been held on St. Martha's The famous Tunis marriage mart is vals assemble in the market place. In Friday during some centuries. And hold up trains.

Female bandits ought to be able t

Mrs. Justwed-Gastritis! But I always cook on a coal range.-Syracuse Herald. The Church of England reports 12,

gastritis.

2,448,230 pupils.