Mark Twain's Lost Idea

on The Chronicle of Virginia City, Nev. In

those days, when the saloon was the social

center of the town, and the opening of each

the custom for the proprietor of a new ven-

ture in liquid refreshments to send a basket

of his choicest wares to the newspaper office,

by giving a glowing account of the opening

aristocratio order inspired Mark with

not there. But he did fifid a brief paragraph,

Before this honest friend, whose zoal for his

welfare had not left a piece of his prized ar-

ticle as big as a nickel, Mark could say no

more. But he could not reproduce it. It

had been the swift and brilliant inspiration

of the moment, and was completely gone.

But he mourned long over the fate of what

he always believed to be his most brilliant

Freedom of the Press.

chain)-Wuz dat you, Misto Tolliver, what

Partner-I dunno; did you squeeze backf

squeeze my han' in ladies to de right?

Bhe-The ideah! Why uv cose not,

Didn't Want to Wait for His Friends.

has not yet been printed. It appears that

last winter, having to fill a lecturing engage-

ment at a western city, the humorist boarded

a train that is noted for its slowness and is

always avoided by regular travelers. But

the lecturing committee had written to the

humorist agreeing to meet him at the depot

upon the arrival of this train, and so he had

no alternative. Two hours' traveling, how-

ever, served to put Mark out of patience.

Stopping the conductor as he passed through

the car, Mark asked as civilly as he could:

"Why don't you people run this train faster?"

The conductor, ignorant who his questioner

was, rejoined: "It runs fast enough to suit

Delicate Leading.

He was naturally bashful, and in her com-

pany was as dumb as an oyster. She under-

stood him, and one evening asked plainly

what made him so sflent whenever he called

"I-er-I don't know," he stammered.

always ah-have something to say before you

"Yes. I am like a bottle that is corked up

"Well that isn't so bad as you think. There

"Why, you know, the tighter a bottle is

He grasped the situation at once and now

content to do it all berself .- Merchant

she doesn't care whether he talks or not. She

Mr. Greeley's Bad Chirography.

are blighted dig them early. Any insinuation that brick ovens are dangerous to hams gives me the horrors."—Camden Post.

An Old Pashioned Beverage.

cup of coffee," he said as he sat down in a

"I will, sir. Want it after the fashion e

In a few minutes a cup was placed before him and be surveyed it, sniffed at it and

"An old fashioned cup of coffee, sir, such

as our mothers used to make. I got some

Rio, burned it on the shovel, pounded it in a rag, and it is sweetened with molasses and

dosed with skimmed milk. Those good old,

times are gone, sir, but the good old fashioned

coffee can be made yet." Detroit Free Press.

Detroit restaurant the other day.

turned up his nose and asked:

"What do you call it?"

about thirty years ago, I suppose!"

"I wish you'd make me an old fashioned

or three hours."-New York Star.

come in but I can't get it out."

"Very tight, Mr. Smith?"

"Yes indeed, very."

"What is it, pray!"

is one good thing about it."

corked the more forcibly it pops."

"Indeed?" she said encouragingly.

A good story is told of Mark Twain, that

She (to her partner, after a lively ladies'

his place for him if I could."

production.-Pitteburg Dispatch.

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turbed." Is it ? We do not think so, But if it were, who is to blame for it but the grit press, which has been diligently t work fixing a new date in nearly every it-

THE PUBLIC DEBC.

creasing too rapidly or not depends entirely on whether the expenditure which course the debt is a wise one and for. legitimate objects of public utility. If a farmer finds that he is getting along pretty well and has a good lot of land and that he can afford to build for himself a comf rtable stone house to replace the l g | the funeral. shanty with which he managed to get along at the commencement of his career,

magnificent estate and exceptionably go d credit. The estate, however, requires

expended in building a necessary capal, and the money is barrowed to do it, is the country a y poorer by the transaction It certain y seems to have its debt ino seed by that amount, but is must be

think we cannot do better than call as a witness on this point no less a personage than Sir Richard J. Cartwright. In his cine with the certainty of deriving benefit

fenian attacks on the country, the acquis ition and organization of new territory, and providing an adequate defense force

"The whole of the debt has been curred for legi imate objects of public utility. The indirect advantage from these public works has already been found in the remarkable rapidity with which the commerce and material prosperity of the dominion have been develop ed, while a substantial increase in the direct returns may fairly be expected from the improvements now in progress, and to follow the steady progress of popu

lustion and trade." Sir Richard was right then and his words are as applicable to the present condition of things as they were to the situation in that year.

owing way, the figures showing the amount of net debt at the different periods

ed the deht by over 80 millions, it ment of debts of the provinces \$115 435. years, while he increased the debt millions, expended only 38 millions similar works so that the debit side of account was \$2,000,000 in excess of the

public debt is the net amount of interest lation; in 1873 it was \$5 09; in 1878, \$4 65

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

ur Harvard graduates on his staff English artist," was born in Baltimore,

Queen Victoria has been pleased

aid to be largely interested in the catt husiness in New Mexico.

There are 8 000 indigent soldiers and sailors who do not receive pensions who are supported in almshouses and other public charitable institutions in the United

Lon Pedro, of Brazil, has introduced a semetic professor in the Rio de Janeiro university, and he now proposes to have chairs established ranging over the langu-

It is proposed to pension families of he men who lost their lives in defending the Maine game law. The heart of

Mrs Susan Foss Bunker, who recently died in Harmony, Me, had lived 104 years and three months. Five generations of her descendants were present at

some Pennsylvania woods, where there is sixteen inches of snow on the ground t celebrated its Christmas among the house plants of its captur. The supreme court in Massachussets

car companies are responsible for their passengers' valuables. The queen mother of Spain has made an agreement with her creditors, by which she keep. \$200,000 of her revenue and they take the remaining \$120 000

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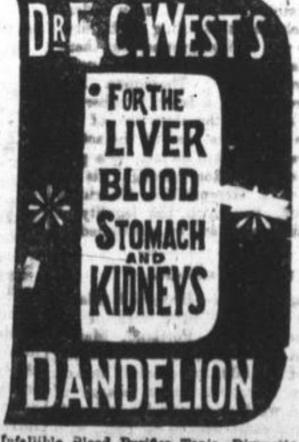
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ness and diseases of the lungs, impaired for its proper development that gret public works shall be constructed, railways Her life is heavily insured built, canais enlarged or new ones dug. These things cannot be done out of ord n. ary revenue, and, as they are to benefit not alone the present generation, but our children and children's children, it is no only a necessity that the mon-y to d. them should be borrowed, but it would be us fair to the present gene a ion that it should be called upon to pay for the whole of these works of permanent improvement. The debt incurred for such works is after all only an apparent indebtedness. In a million of dollars is

> ren-mbered that its property is enhanced i. value by an qual ans un and it may b hat the earnings f the caust and the advantages to cofers are of annually greater value than the feterest on the b reowed mo ey. If so, the transact n

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propertus useued by him in 1875 when be went into the Lindon money market "The revenue has shown a contingon surplus du tre rach year zince confederatton to 1867, although it has in the interval been charged with much heavy expenditure of an exceptionat Find, such as the outlay connected with the several

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