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#### LIVE QUESTIONS.

Professor Crunden's contribution, entitled "Seek the Truth." to whic's we give place in this issue on page 2, is the initial number of an extended series of articles which will appear in this journal from time to time. The general character of the entire series entitled to have a new name. is fairly indicated by the above heading-"Live Questions"-by which is meant questions that are neither defunct nor stale; questions each one which now divides and which in the tive. near future may absolutely convulse the American people. Live questions are those which are now unsettled, but which demand settlement at an early day, and in the proper settlement of which all men, of whatever party or section, are vitally concerned.

Both the pro and the con of such questions will be laid before our read-ers, each one of whom, it is confidently expected, will thereby become better prepared to judge for himself in the matter. These several publications will be carried forward in a spirit of absolute fairness and impartiality. No effort will be made to give undue prominence to any proposed reform. On the contrary, no reasonable effort will be spared to lay before our readers the very best that can be said in favor of any proposed reform. To that end arrangements have already been perfected with many of the ablest writers of the present day, both in Canada and in the United States, to contribute to this series. If it is true, as we are told, that every man can be eloquent about matters which he perfectly understands, it may be fairly assumed that the reform leaders of the country can write both entertainingly and instructively, each on his own chosen topic. In his special line of investigation each contributor to "Live Questions" is a power in the land; hence their joint efforts cannot fail to interest the general mass of our read-It will be observed that, in substance at least, Professor Crunden makes the broad and sweeping asser-

lacies exposed. One of the very best things to be said of a live question is that it has at least two sides, and we cannot expect to arrive at the truth without giving a candid hearing to both. That is pre cisely what we believe in. Let us have a frank, open, candid discussion of every live question that is touched at all. To that end this journal shall be a veritable "tribune of the people"

be squarely antagonized and his fal-

-and the whole people. Work of the Fifty fourth Congress. The pending session of Congress promises to be most important and far reaching in its consequences to son, Samuel V. Miller, Rose Moss, the American people and to the commercial world. The inglorious defeat of the income tax, the steady increase of the treasury deficit, tend to produce a feeling of uneasiness and distrust in the public mind. The whole matter of representation, and that also of taxation, is quite likely to come up for re-examination and is likely to be reviewed from the standpoint of first principles in civil government.

Already the air is filled with rumors of proposed amendments of the constitution, and in some quarters it is cited as being a significant fact that members of the do...inant parties, which have been fighting each other for generations, concur in urging the necessity for such amendments. If any changes are to be made, the friends of what is often called "natural" taxation may be counted on to push their theories to the front. And the same may be said as to the advocates of female suffrage, free silver and proportional representation respectively. It seems highly probable that the vexatious "tariff discussion" may be given a much needed rest, but what with annexation, currency reform, female suffrage, the Monroe doctrine, taxation, representation and the incidental wrangling, each member of the present | Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. congress will have ample opportunity to earn all the salary lawfully his due. Whether or not he will make a righteous use of such golden opportunity remains to be demonstrated. shall see what we shall see."

#### HARRISON OUT.

HE WRITES A LETTER DECLINING TO BE A CANDIDATE.

Two Nominations Enough, He Says, and the Voters Now Entitled to a New Name. He Has No Desire Whatever for Another

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.-Benjamin Harrison will not allow his name to go before the St. Louis Convention. He had a long talk with a few of his political friends yesterday afternoon, after which he went home and wrote a letter to the Chairman of the Republican State Committee, saying:

"I have concluded that some state ment from me as to my wishes and purposes should now be made to my Indiana friends.

"To every one who has proposed to promote my nomination I have said 'no; there never has been an hour since I left the White House that I have felt a wish to return to it.

"My Indiana friends have been devoted and faithful, and I am their grateful debtor. The Republican party has twice in National Convention given me indorsement, and that is enough. I think the voters of our party are now

"For the sentiment, great or small, that has been manifested for my nomination I am grateful, and of that wider respect and kindness-breaking party lines-which have been shown me in so of which is a living issue, an issue many ways, I am profoundly apprecia

"I cannot consent that my name be presented or used in the St. Louis Convention, and must kindly ask my friends to accept this as a sincere and final expression upon the subject.

"BENJAMIN HARRISON. "Indianapolis, Feb. 3, 1896."

SALISBURY'S SURPRISE.

LONDON, FEB. 2 .- Lord Salisbury's remarkable speech at a banquet Friday night continues the talk of London. Seldom has a Premier spoken so freely,

or, it is thought, so compromisingly.

The Transvaal, Venezuela and Armenia were touched upon in succession. His declaration that he believed in the Monroe doctrine as Monroe stated it was lustily cheered by his audience.

With reference to Armenia the Premier was apologetic, finding much fault with the Church people for their constant urging of drastic action toward the Turk. He declared that interference with the Sultan's administration was fraught with greater peril than any possible atrocities in Anatolia.

It is this reference to Armenia which is chiefly condemned, the Daily News saying: "What Lord Salisbury says is not true, and will come as a last message of death, misery and despair to those Armenians who have not yet suffered death by torture for worshiping Christ. Unless we are much mistaken, it will be read with inexpressible shame and disgust by thousands of decent men and women in England."

#### A STORY OF THE A. P. A. A Claim that the Order Has 3,500,000 Voters. Its Demands.

New York, Feb. 1.—The Herald publishes a remarkable story of a secret tion that "change" is the natural law meeting at Rochester, N. Y., of one by the nattiest dressers. He thus boldly casts the thousand delegates representing the whole burden of proof upon those American Pretective Association. who claim under the existing order of was asserted, on the authority of leaders of the organization, that it had 313,000 things. At the outset this impresses us as being quite an innovation upon votes in the State of New York, and 3,500,000 in the country at large, that the established time honored order of it was the most powerful political ordiscussion, and if he is wrong he should ganization ever formed and the most potent present factor in American polities.

The association will demand, as the consideration for its support, the reaffirmance of the principle of total separation of Church and State, restriction of immigration, reform of laws on citizenship and suffrage and reaffirmance of faith in the public school as the basis of liberty. They assert that they hold absolutely the balance of power, and that it is in their power to elect or defeat any Presidential nominee.

The following letters are advertised February 4, 1896. Marianna East-burn, Mrs. Nora Gill, Mrs. Jane Mrs. T. Morgan, Mrs. Mary Norbury, Miss Alice Montague, Mrs. Maria Sommers, M. M. Snider, Mrs. Mary A. Welliver. Will be sent to the dead le ter office February 18, 1896.

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You will be interested this week to learn that our Silks for the pring trade have been selected and are now being received as rapidly as the mills can deliver them. Among the novelties especially attractive are rich Dresdens, Persian Stripes, and all over creation Taffeta Grounds with small Jacquard figures and stripes in pleasing color combination designs, also a number of pretty plaids that must meet the requirements of tasteful dressers

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Our leader this week consists of a choice variety of new spring novelties, principally checks and small Mohair effects on woo' grounds, and a number of the prettiest Plaids, that we will offer at the yard 49c.

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TRADE AND BUSINESS.

Merchants Find the Situation at Present Unsatisfactory. New 'YORK, Feb. 2 .- Wall street was the first to feel the effect of the Venezuelan message, but the depression has now reached the morcantile trades, and while merchants are talking hopefully of a good spring trade, there is no doubt that for the present business is unsatis-

Bradstreet's, in the weekly review of trade, says: "The features of the week are continued retarded demand for merchandise and checked industrial operations. Least satisfactory is the waiting attitude of some of the more important industries.

The decline in bank clearings is 5 1 2 per cent. over the similar week of 1895, although they are 16 per cent. larger than in 1894.

COL. COIT ACQUITTED.

The Military Commander Who Fired Up-on a Mob Goes Free.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3.-Col. A. B. Coit. the commander of the milita who was indicted for the killing of the men shot by the militia when the attack was made upon the Washington Court House jail, has been acquitted. The mob was trying to lynch a negro who had assaulted a white woman, and intense feeling was created by the shoot-

COAL GOES UP.

The Coal Managers Form a Big Pool to Restrict the Output.

New York, Feb. 1.-The coal managers met in New York on Thursday and formed the most important coal pool of many years. The eleven companies that practically control the entire production of anthracite coal agreed to a division of output and made what is believed to be a firm combina-Yesterday prices were put up 25 to 35 cents a ton.

A SAVAGE PROGRAMME.

The New Captain General of Cubs to Try the Severest Measures.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 1.-After the arrival of General Weyler in Cuba the rebels will be given eight days to lay down their arms and surrender. If they do not do this General Weyler will inaugurate a campaign of blood and fire.

Where the Big Conventions Will be Held. NEW YORK, Feb. 3.-It has been decided to hold the National Democratic Convention in the Coliseum in Chicago. The Republican Convention will be held in the Exposition Building, in St. Louis, Mo.

A New Warship Launched.

NEWPORT NEWS, Jan. 31.—The United States gunboat Helena, sister ship to the Wilmington, and the Plant Line steamer La Grande Duchesse, were launched here yesterday.

The Mouse Against Free Silver. Washington, Feb. 4.—The House Ways and Means Committee to day by a vote of 11 to 3 refused to concur in the Senate Free Silver substitute for the House Bond bill.

Silver Men's Latest Coup.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.-The silver men on the Senate Finance Committee sprung a sensation on the Senate yesterday by forcing through that committee a report substituting a free coinage bill for the House Tariff bill.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Two of the Louisiana delegates atlarge to the National Republican Convention are for Reed and two for Mc-

Dwight L. Moody, the Evangelist, preached the funeral sermon of his mother at East Northfield, Mass., last

The Indiana Supreme Court. declares the Republican apportionment act of 1895, and the Democratic act of 1893 unconstitutional.

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### EXHIBIT WEEK.

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THURSDAY, January 30.

FRIDAY, January 31.

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William M. Kline, residence Benton borough, bounded on the north by Centre street, east by land of Samuel Krickbaum, south by Market street, and west by land of Elwood Knouse, said application being continued on January 20, 1896, by said court.

Clerk's Office, Bloomsburg, Pa January 22, 1896.

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