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LIVE QUESTIONS.

Professor Crunden's contribution, entitled "Seek the Truth," to which 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.

Both the pro and the con of such questions will be laid before our readers, each one of whom, it is confidently expected, will thereby become better prepared to judge for himself in the matter.

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

It is in this reference to Armenia which is chiefly condemned, the Daily News says: "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 worshipping Christ."

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.

Work of the Fifty-fourth Congress. The pending session of Congress promises to be most important and far-reaching in its consequences to the American people and to the commercial world.

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 dominant parties, which have been fighting each other for generations, concur in urging the necessity for such amendments.

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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 Term.

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 statement 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 endorsement, and that is enough. I think the voters of our party are now entitled to have a new name.

"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 many ways, I am profoundly appreciative.

"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.

His Remarkable Speech on Important Political Affairs.

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.

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.

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 meeting at Rochester, N. Y., of one thousand delegates representing the American Protective Association. It was asserted, on the authority of leaders of the organization, that it had 313,000 votes in the State of New York, and 3,500,000 in the country at large, that it was the most powerful political organization ever formed and the most potent present factor in American politics.

The following letters are advertised February 4, 1896. Marianna Eastburn, Mrs. Nora Gill, Mrs. Jane Hurst, Mr. A. W. Kline, S. U. Nelson, Samuel V. Miller, Rose Moss, 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 letter office February 18, 1896. JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

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WILKES-BARRE, PA.

February 5, 1896.



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You will be interested this week to learn that our Silks for the spring 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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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 mercantile trades, and while merchants are talking hopefully of a good spring trade, there is no doubt that for the present business is unsatisfactory.

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 Upon a Mob Goes Free.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 8.—Col. A. B. Coit, the commander of the militia 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 shooting.

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 combination. Yesterday prices were put up 25 to 35 cents a ton.

A SAVAGE PROGRAMME.

The New Captain General of Cuba to Try the Severe 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. 8.—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 House 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 at-large to the National Republican Convention are for Reed and two for McKinley.

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

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

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An Army of Students.

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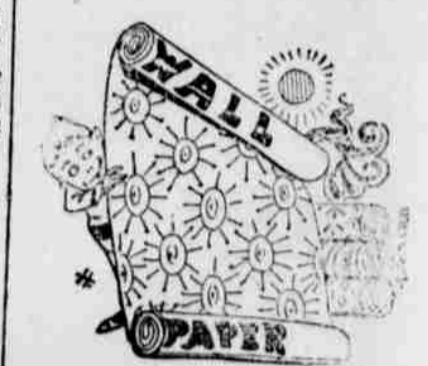
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LICENSE APPLICATION.

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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 31, 1896, by said court.

G. M. QUICK, Clerk Court of Quarter Sessions.



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