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late the use of coal on their lines and make indirectly an additional profit on the increased general business of their yard.

A Flourishing System of Slavery. There is a system of slavery flourishing in many of the large cities of the country that has nearly all of the worst features of negro despotism with none of its few compensations.

It is called the "padrone" system and is briefly the purchase, in the form of hiring, of innumerable Italian lads to run the streets of great cities in various occupations, the money derived from which is to be scrupulously turned over to their masters.

This traffic seems to have had its origin in 1867 with the Italian consulate at that time, many of the attaches of which ever since have been accused of complicity in the commerce.

Enumerating some of the evils of this pernicious form of slavery, Senator Moreno says: "This padrone system is an outrage on American civilization and humanity."

Children are brought here under the plea of teaching them mechanical trades, and adults of both sexes are induced to mortgage their little properties, in farm or village lands, in Italy for quadruple the amount of their passage money, and to enter into contracts with the padrone to work for from one to six years under the promise that, at the end of the contract and when the money advanced has been repaid, they will be given farms in various parts of the United States.

It is a blot on the fair fame of the country that this deplorable condition of affairs should be permitted. He who inaugurates and carries through legislative measures that will cut out this sore from the body politic, will rank high as one of the benefactors of his race.

Some Questions. A young man who was a clerk in the Fidelity Trust company, Philadelphia, was sentenced yesterday to the penitentiary for twenty months upon his confession that he had taken bonds from its vaults.

Judge Finletter, in sentencing him, reminded him of the gravity of his offense, in violating the trust reposed in him, shaking the confidence of the community in trust companies as safe depositories, and risking the suspicion of his crime falling upon his innocent fellow clerks.

But would it not have been also well for the judge to have considered that the shaken confidence of the community in the Fidelity as a safe depository did not come from the crime of this clerk, but from the fact which he developed, that the rules of the trust company made his theft possible.

So far as this element in his offense is concerned he is not entitled rather to gratitude than denunciation for the development he made? And upon the judges' theory of the gravity added to his offense by the loss of confidence of the community, might not the directors of the Fidelity have been sent to jail?

There seems to be room for that argument. Kossuth may possibly be surprised at the similarity of his obituary in the American press.

The Miner's State association are taking ingenious steps to restrict mine operators from hiring imported laborers. The legislative committee of the body have prepared for submission to the Legislature that meets in January a bill prohibiting the employment of unskilled and incompetent miners and mine bosses.

It seems that Pennsylvania will be conspicuous by her absence at the New Orleans Exposition. The political unanimity of Texas in the recent election was something remarkable. Its plurality of 128,000 with no incentive to be derived from a spirited canvass gives color to the suspicion that the Republicans were all sick or were visiting relatives across the state border.

Kossuth was not dead but only sleeping. PARIS has a very popular system of personal communication, that is the pneumatic tube, which is steadily increasing despite the improvements in the telegraphic and telephonic services.

It works on the principle of exhausting the air in a tube in front of a ball which may contain a message or package. The exhaustion of the air drives the ball with great velocity in the direction of the vacuum created.

BRADY FOR bids up severely with a new trial for illegally voting in the House of Commons. HENRY JAMES, the novelist, is described as "charming, delightful, lovely" and has the manner of a man of 30.

DR. OLIVER SWAIN TAYLOR, of New York, who was graduated in the class of 1869 at Dartmouth college, was 100 years old on Wednesday. ALBERT HAWKINS, who has been coachman for all the presidents since Gen. Grant's time, has been reengaged for the same service under Grover Cleveland.

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A Wealthy Frenchwoman. Mine de Caudry, the rock-bed Democracy of the "irregular section" of Paris society—that is, the people who make no pretense of being better than they are—has a snug fortune of four million dollars, for most of which she is about to be grateful to the late M. Petit, the contractor who built the Boulevard Haussmann. Her mansions on the Rue Tivoli, facing the Arc de Triomphe, is described as a masterpiece of architecture and contains a splendid collection of paintings, including Bonnat's Salon picture, which she bought in 1859 for \$600; Henri Regnault's "Salome"; Fortunio's "Marriage Espagnol"; and other noted works.

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AN ORPHAN ASYLUM BURNED. THRILLING SCENES OF EXCITEMENT AT A BROOKLYN FIRE. A Brave Sister of the Institution Loses Her Life While Saving Those of Others—A Belief That Others Were Burned in the Blazing Building.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon a fire broke out in the drying-room of the Catholic Male Orphan Asylum, corner of St. Mark's and Albany avenues, Brooklyn. The building wherein the fire originated contained the boilers and heating apparatus with a dormitory on the third floor, in which there were sixty orphans suffering from various complaints. Whether or not they all escaped cannot be told until a roll call is had.

Sister Mary Josephine, who was in the dormitory at the time the fire broke out, made heroic efforts to save the little ones. She remained in the room until absolutely driven out by the flames.

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