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Have Confounded Figures.

We see that the anthracite coal companies have discontinued their long established habit of informing the public of their monthly business. The Reading March statement is not produced, but the company reports less business than in the same month of last year, when it was particularly poor on account of the strike. When business is poor no one likes to tell it, whether he be a big or little dealer, a corporation officer or an individual. The inextinguishable inclination of most men is to boast; and the habit is particularly lively in the corporation officer, who loves to swell and create the impression that he is a great big fellow of inestimable value to his company and earning several times over every dollar of his big salary; which all the time he is not doing at all.

It is appointed at stated times to these people to eat leek; this is one of the times; and leek is just in season. There is not a coal company or a railroad company officer that can swell a bit in these days when the vernal leaves are bursting from their winter confinement. They are all as "blue as blazes"; on one side are the stockholders asking for dividends, and on the other consumers asking to be kept at work. It is a prime need of the seller to keep his consumer going, even if the dividend goes by; and it is not surprising that the Reading people have concluded to make the small abatement of coal prices to furnaces which we mentioned a day or two ago. It amounts to from twenty-five to thirty-five cents a ton; not very great in itself, but a considerable percentage on the price and a very valuable and much needed help to the furnaces that are suffering from an excess of cost produced chiefly by excessive freight charges.

This concession of itself will not suffice to meet the situation. The cheapened fuel must be followed by cheapened freights on ore, limestone and product; there is ample room for reduction and it must be made. The railroad companies interest requires it, and we may therefore expect to see it come so soon as the railroad officers are persuaded of the fact. It is true that their minds stoutly resist this persuasion. Owing, as we have said, to the desire of meeting the expectation of stockholders, which in these days of bad business may not be met by the present receipts, the railroad managers wish to shut his eyes to the need of lowering rates. But he will not be able long to overlook the idle mills that his policy is causing; and the lessened receipts, from a large number of local stations, due to closed factories, will serve as a powerful eye opener to the most stubborn case of railroad blindness.

The closing of the Penn Iron works here means a loss of about a thousand dollars a week to the Pennsylvania railroad in freight; and this is one of the smaller manufacturers along its line. When the big and little ones combine in their total or partial quietude, it makes a vast difference in the weekly water mark in the railroad treasury, supplied from its many mills. There can be no general disturbance of trade conditions which is not quickly and sensibly felt in a great railroad treasury; and the alert railroad officer should be the quickest to see a falling off in business and prompt to apply the remedy in lower rates to stimulate it. And they do it quickly enough when they are urged by competition; and put down rates below the cost price of their service, much to their detriment. But in the local traffic, which they control, they are very slow to see the need of reduction.

The chairman of the Penn Iron company on Tuesday with great difficulty secured an interview with the general freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad; and advised him that his mill was shut down and awaited a general reduction of cost charges, or a better market. He was advised that no freight reduction was contemplated save in fuel rates; and to a suggestion that nothing was carried to or from Lancaster at a rate per ton per mile, anything like as low as the three-quarters of a cent per ton per mile, reported by the railroad as its average receipt, he was advised that the railroad figures were misunderstood; and that if he—the agent—had his way, they would not be published; that general administration cost was not included; and that the long Chicago to New York haul was not to be compared in cost to the Lancaster-New York haul; and all that sort of ancient statement. But the general freight agent thought he knew all about the industrial situation and would give it consideration. In due time we may know what the official hatching produces.

In Oklahoma. The dishonesty of government officials in Oklahoma is in strong contrast with the rigid honesty of the troops sent to suppress order. Military discipline and a high sense of honor kept the soldiers from taking advantage of their fine chances, but it might have been guessed that the great number of deputies and other officers who gained entrance in advance of the crowd would have a proportion of dishonest men among them who would be practically beyond control. As might also have been expected a strong force of the boomers have already pushed into the Indian land and an Indian war threatens. There are more boomers than Oklahoma farms and town sites, and the overflow quite naturally rushes into the fertile land of the Indian reservation.

So far the history of this movement has been very stirring and pleasant reading, with plenty of adventure and much blood, but there is plenty of room for more of bloodshed if this rush for land is permitted to threaten the peaceful Indians of the territory. They have been taught to consider the land their own and not to be surrendered without due compensation, and many of them are quite as civilized as the average boomer—quite as hot tempered and ready to shoot. There is a strong military force which may be able to protect the Indian land, and avert fighting until terms are arranged with the Cherokees for their

ing their coveted strip open to settlement, a move long contemplated. The Oklahoma settlers have displayed a cheerful temper, and an anxiety to get along with as little violence as possible, but the action of United States officials, will produce feelings of resentment which will find explosive expression from armed mobs and regulators, and may demand a declaration of martial law.

OW TO APRIL. Oh, chill April! Source of many a bodily ill, Increase of my doctor's bill, Pray quickly still that nasal rill Due to thy coolness, chill April.

Portraits of Admiral David D. Porter are appearing now, because that picturesque head of the navy is to command the naval demonstration at the New York centennial celebration. The sketch of his life, accompanying the picture, shows an alarming drift of history away from fact. For example it is said, "He took New Orleans and served at Pittsburgh." Now every school boy knows that Admiral Farragut took New Orleans by passing the forts, and Porter took nothing; but too large a share of the glory. Porter was an excellent officer, and served at Vicksburg, but he talks so skilfully that he may persuade the world his name is Farragut before he dies.

One hundred and nine thousand two hundred and ninety-five passengers arrived in the United States from foreign countries other than Canada and Mexico during the three months ending December 31, 1888. Of these 22,290 were non-immigrants, and of the latter 17,271 were Americans returning from abroad; 9,915 of the tourists being males and 7,356 females. This may either mean that the American woman does not go abroad as much as the man, or that she stays there in large numbers. The report of the treasury statistician furnishes these facts, but only shows the arrivals. It declares that of 5,028 aliens not intending to remain in the United States only 1,477 were women. Of the total number of arrivals in the three months not quite one-fourth were cabin passengers. Of the 86,906 immigrants, 77,306 were under forty years of age, and nine-tenths of all the arrivals landed at New York.

There is little fear for the safety of the sailing ship Monongahela, which left San Francisco for Samoa to be used as a store ship by the fleet. She is a staunch war ship of the old wooden navy, and being well officered and manned should have been able to ride out any storm, unless struck by the Samoan hurricanes. It is thought that she could not have been in the track of that storm, as it is a long and wearisome voyage by sail to Samoa.

The owners of the Missouri have warmly commended Captain Murrell and assured him that they would cheerfully pay all damages that might be claimed for the cargo he threw overboard in resending the Denmark people. It is not likely that many of the losers will ask compensation and the Danish company will probably insist upon paying any claims; so that between all hands Murrell's fame will cost nothing.

Announcements of this Penn farm appropriation was suggested that the United States should purchase Pennsylvania at \$200 an acre as a memorial of William Penn. Why should this great nation stop at small things? The state is William's greatest memorial.

The total number of immigrants who arrived in the United States during March was 23,845, against 36,352 during March, 1888, 8,506 of them came from the British Isles, and of these 2,796 were Irishmen, 7,814 of the immigrants were from Germany, and 2,994 from Austro-Hungary, 3,520 from Sweden, Norway and Denmark, while only 1,926 came from Italy and 265 from Poland. Little Switzerland sent us 1,113 of her people, and Great Russia 2,102. In spite of the constant threat of war and the demands of military service only 478 immigrants came to us from France, though peaceful Holland sent 822. Various other countries sent the balance of 705, but only 326 of all the immigrants arriving in March came by way of the Pacific coast.

The Senate of Illinois has amended a lottery bill to include church lotteries. The bill forbids the publication in newspapers of the names of winners of lottery prizes and has little or no effect upon church lotteries, but by classifying them with other lotteries should be very effective in awakening public sentiment against them. If the lottery principle is wrong it is just as wrong in a good cause as in a bad one.

PEISONAL. GENERAL ALABR, of Michigan, frankly acknowledges that he will be a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1892. COLONEL DANIEL LAMONT has been elected secretary of the New York Loan and Improvement company in place of William H. Rockwell, resigned. JOHN BRIGHT'S fortune, instead of being \$750,000 was but \$150,000. He left no public legacies, it being his opinion that the support of public institutions should come from the living.

W. G. VON NEIDA, aged 60, a well-known hardware merchant and senior member of the firm of Von Neida & Fogley, of Reading, died on Wednesday, of apoplexy. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

MR. GLAISTON'S estimate of Dante, expressed in a paper read by the Bishop of Ripon at the Duke of Westminster's house, contained this: "I wish to bear testimony with the bishop, as far as language can, to the degree of magnitude and the importance of his works, which can hardly be possible to exaggerate upon. Dante has a place absolutely alone in the whole compass of what is called literature, and I do not think there is any writer who can compete with Dante in what I call educated power. In my opinion the study of Dante is a very serious matter, entailing a serious responsibility. Every thinking person who gives himself to that study cannot, during the study, but feel profoundly its effects, for many are the lessons which the poems of Dante convey to humanity."

As a horse and cattle lotion Salvatory Oil has proven itself an infallible remedy. It has relieved the heavy infirmities of many old and well-known horsemen. Price 25 cents a bottle. Mothers, do not let your darlings suffer with the whooping cough while you have a remedy so near at hand. The little sufferer will soon find relief. Price 25 cents.

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Black Fulle Francaise, 20% in., \$1 to \$1 1/2  
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What we did in February with Combination Robes (plush novelty with plain to match) is outdone to-day in every way but one—the quantity is small, so small that a week or two is pretty sure to wipe the whole lot out.

The February Robes went for less than prices of the plain material. You shall have these April Robes in many cases for no more than half the cost of the plain material.

Light colors, medium and light weights—Bengaline. Wool, Batiste, Cassimir, Melange, Armares, Serges. With plushes that have sold from \$2.50 to \$7.50. Robes for \$5 Robes for \$6 Robes for \$8 Robes for \$10 Robes for \$12

Southwest of centre. The ten-cent Holly-Tree Cambric neck of yesterday fell on the Cambric trade like a thunder clap.

True, three or four or five cents from a yard of Cambric doesn't seem to be much, but you hardly ever see even a half-cent cut on such goods.

There's no better brand than these Holly Tree Cambrics. We have them all.

There's a growing call for standard books put up in neat, compact form. Of course we have them all:

Morley's Universal Library. A cheap and handsome review of the Masterpieces of the World's Literature. 61 vols., 12 mo., 75c each.

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