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The Geological Survey. Professor Lesley, state geologist, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, has issued a "Dictionary of Fossils," which has a table of errata so extensive as to embody corrections of one-fifth of the definitions and descriptions in the book.

It seems that after putting his own work to press he had sent the sheets as they were printed to his scientific acquaintances, with the request that they would send him their suggestions or corrections. The result seems to have been to produce a great number of corrections, which the state geologist concluded that it was necessary that the readers of his book should have; and as it was already printed, the only recourse he found was to put a supplement to it embodying the corrections.

The resultant book is more creditable to Professor Lesley's ingenuity than to his business sense; and that has been the trouble with the whole geological survey, which has now been running along for fifteen years at great cost without proportionate profit. Professor Lesley, who is at the head of the survey, has not proven capable of its proper executive management. He is a man of great learning in his department, and of great earnestness; who devotes himself to his work from sincere love for it and who is in every way worthy of esteem; but a man of coarser fibre might have made a better geological survey of the state. No cost has been spared in the work, which has resulted in the production of elegant maps and countless pages of notes and observations recording the developments that have been made by miners and geologists. Essays upon the industries of the state, which have no place in the scope of a geological report, have been numerous. But the fifteen years of work have not succeeded in presenting an intelligent and correct description of the location of the geological strata of Pennsylvania, with their composition and relations to each other. A great deal of desultory observation of the bituminous coal field has been printed, without settling the relation of the beds in different sections of the state, and even without certainly determining their relation, number and position in any section; save as to the Pittsburgh bed, which has been the easiest to trace and therefore perhaps has had the most work put upon it. The anthracite region has received a great deal of attention; with what profit we cannot say. But this section of the state has been much neglected, receiving but the superficial examination of a geologist, who was without resources to make his investigation thorough.

It is an exposition of the well ascertained fact that the man of science is not always capable of an executive trust, even in the discovery of the truths of his own art. The geological survey of the state could be so conducted as to be very valuable to its people, disclosing to them the value in their rocks, but it must do more than follow after industrial investigation, to simply record it.

If the state had a resident geologist in convenient place, able to inform the people as to their stores, while investigating the geology of the section, and preparing topographical maps of the country, it would receive far more value from the appropriation than it now gets in sending through the state geological tramps and publishing their incomplete reports and industrial essays. The geological survey should be reorganized. The commission that is supposed to superintend it should wake up and do some work.

The Belt Line. The Pennsylvania railroad is vigorously fighting the proposition to build a belt line of railroad around Philadelphia, for the use of all the railroads entering it and to afford the fullest facilities for getting goods into and out of the city in the cheapest way attainable to every point. The declared object is so manifestly in the interest of the city that the Pennsylvania railroad's president, in opposing it, is compelled to charge that the scheme is one to get the existing railroads "on the hip" and instead of facilitating their business, to embarrass it and impose upon it onerous charges and restrictions. Of this intent, however, there is no evidence; and the character of the men in charge of the project contradicts it. And, if it exists, it is readily in the power of the city councils, in granting its franchise to the Belt line railroad, to make it a condition that it shall offer equal facilities to all railroads, and even do its work at cost; which is what its projectors say that they intend to do; their object being simply to benefit the city trade, and prevent its being strangled as it now is by the selfish efforts of the existing railroads to take all they can get, and so kill the bird that lays their golden eggs.

This is a peculiarly Pennsylvania railroad policy. The men in charge of its policy have shown themselves to be very shortsighted; and as a consequence the greatest railroad in the country does not get its stock above par, and has had work pegging it there. It is always "hard up"; while, with its resources, its treasury should always overflow. It is now spending money in putting down useless lines in Philadelphia only to get ahead of the Belt line; not seeing that the Belt line idea must prevail in the end, because it is essential to the city; and that its best policy is to yield to it gracefully and take its benefits along with its damages.

The time has past when the Pennsylvania or any other railroad can try to monopolize trade. Every business center needs to provide itself with the fullest facilities for the interchange of its trade. The Belt line of railroad around a city connecting its railroads and giving

every industry an outlet to every section; commends itself to the judgment of every one. It is a project that should be agitated here; and one that if carried out would invite into our limits other railroad systems, such as the Baltimore & Ohio and the Western Maryland, that now pass close by our portals.

The Rabbit and Blackbird Case. The great rabbit and blackbird case, argued before the learned judge in our court on Wednesday, is worthy to be recorded as a "cause celebre" in the annals of Lancaster jurisprudence. Christian Hinkle, which being interpreted means chicken, was charged with the untimely slaughter of a rabbit. But Mr. Hinkle was not chicken-hearted and boldly defended himself upon the ground that he had not slain a rabbit but a blackbird, in which assertion he was supported by one witness, a boy who was present at the slaughter of the bird. The intelligent jury, thereupon, rendered a verdict of not guilty; and divided the cost equally between Mr. Hinkle and the prosecutor, Mr. Plank. The profound wisdom of this decision must strike the most casual observer. The state is supposed to favor those who aid in the enforcement of the laws and it has been considered a cardinal principle of good citizenship to bring all law-breakers to trial. This may have been the position of Mr. Plank and balances his error in mistaking a blackbird for a rabbit. His intentions were good and he is only made to pay half of the expense of the trial of a man who has been found innocent. The saddling of half of the costs upon the unfortunate sportsman requires for its explanation a more subtle analysis of the possible motives that may have determined the minds of the jury. It must be evident to everyone that a man who confesses that he slew a blackbird with a shotgun in the month of August was thereby guilty of endangering the life of a rabbit which might have been hidden somewhere in the line of his fire. If the blackbird was not shot upon the ground, but was brought down by the deadly weapon from some lofty tree, that does not affect the argument; as the rabbit may have died of heart disease brought to a climax by the sudden and unexpected explosion near by. It is therefore evident that no matter how innocent Mr. Hinkle or how excellent his intentions, he should pay half the expenses. Our ever-ready pen may be constantly expiring in August by reason of the slaughter of blackbirds.

The Philadelphia Inquirer is gratified and surprised at the reform in the cost of public works, which it finds to be "one of the first fruits of this Republican administration." The title word "this" explains the Inquirer's curious state of mind, for it suggests that other Republican administrations had established such a reputation for wasteful and costly management of public works that it may be surprising and gratifying to find that this administration does not altogether abandon the reforms of Democratic administration and return to old Republican ways. The comment is particularly directed to the public works on the ships and navy yards, where the extravagance of previous Republican administrations was most fearfully manifested and where ex-Secretary Whitney made an enviable reputation as a prudent and efficient reformer. It is pleasing to note that Secretary Tracy seems disposed to walk in the footsteps of his Democratic predecessor. The repairs of the Boston are to cost less than the estimate, and the Maine, now building at the Brooklyn navy yard, "will be completed as quickly as she could be built in a private yard, while her cost will be reformer's first appropriation." Then the Inquirer plainly remarks: "This is a decided change from the old style of doing things. Let us hope that it may be permanent." One might almost think that the old style of things referred to was under Democratic rule and that the changes noted were quite recent and the work of Secretary Tracy. The fearful and wonderful management of public works in the navy department under other Republican administrations warrants the assumption that if a Democratic administration had not reformed it there would be little occasion for the present congratulations. As a specimen take the "Omaha," thus referred to by Secretary Whitney in his first report: "She has been rebuilt within the last four years, at an expense of \$72,000. It was an act of the greatest folly. She is a repaired wooden vessel, with boilers, machinery, and guns, all of which would at the time have been sold for what they would have brought by any other nation on earth. In the event of a war she can neither fight nor run away from any cruiser built contemporaneously by any other nation. Her rebuilding cost the full price of a modern steel ship of her size and all modern characteristics."

PHILADELPHIA is to have a huge million dollar hotel, at least that is given as the estimated cost of the building and the value of the ground, and unforeseen extras will push the total outlay several hundred thousand beyond that figure. It is to be on the south side of Chestnut street near Twenty-second and will have a front of one hundred and thirty feet, and a depth of two hundred and thirty-five. A little street called Albion bounds the eastern side of the lot. It is to be called the Hotel Metropole, after London's big hotel, and will have seven stories. "Red granite, with a rough or quarry face finish, is to be used to the height of the second story, the remaining five stories to be of red brick, red sandstone and terra-cotta. All the shafts of the columns are to be polished. The front is broken with low and oriole windows fashioned of copper. The elevators will number five and the stairways three. On the roof of the northeast building a roof garden is to be similar to that of the New York Casino, with accommodations for three or four hundred people." This building is to be erected at once, and cannot fail to have a marked effect in hastening the steady march of business above Broad street. The time seems to be coming when from river to river Market and Chestnut will be busy thoroughfares.

As noted in our news columns there is a chance that the life of the brakeman who was so terribly injured on Wednesday on the Reading & Columbia railroad may be saved. He was injured at St. Joseph's hospital in Reading in the ambulance and if he lives may be thankful that his accident did not happen at this end of the line, for then he would have been piled on a wagon floor and jointed to death. The INTELLIGENCER began collecting money for an ambulance some time ago and the fund now amounts to \$121. We want \$79 more.

In a speech in the Senate in March of 1889, Benjamin Harrison, said: "It is not the question of a few postoffices. I freely say to my colleague that the Republican party would be stronger in Indiana if you put every Republican out of office, and I think the Democratic party would be weaker in precisely the same proportion that you put Democrats in." The Pittsburgh Post remarks: "On this idea, never had a president a worse foe in his own household than Benjamin Harrison has in 'Markson,' who has made 15,000 changes in fourth-class offices since March." It is evident that the president has changed his opinion as to the way the Republican party may be made stronger in Indiana. Per-

haps the Democratic victory in his old home, Indianapolis, may convince him that he don't know much about it after all.

PERSONAL. GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN says that he is perfectly delighted with his life in London, and is going to spend his time writing a book to be called "The barbaric laws of Harvard's Modern Athens."

JAY GOULD and his daughter visited the St. Louis fair on Wednesday, and attended the Veiled Prophets' ball in the evening. Mr. Gould said that if the world's fair went to the city with the prettiest woman, St. Louis would get it surely.

SIR EDWIN ARSLOD grumbles about our "snake-fences, which waste alike land and lumber, and torture the eye of an artist; and those monstrous, ugly, unpainted, telegraph poles, with which you mar the vistas of your finest streets. But your public buildings often astonish and excite, and those monuments, libraries, museums and observatories leave positively no excuse to American youth."

CLAYTON BROWN, of Rohrerstown, has received an appointment in the railway mail service as clerk, and his run will be between Easton and Hazleton. The appointment was secured through the influence of Hon. M. Brodhead.

SIR BENJAMIN SAMUEL PHILLIPS, ex-lord mayor of London, and the second member of the Jewish faith to occupy the position, died in London on Wednesday at the age of seventy-eight. He was a wealthy merchant, was an alderman and sheriff, and as lord mayor distinguished himself by his activity in organizing relief for the distressed in India by the cholera visitation of 1866, in recognition of which he was knighted.

Smile Again on Me! I sighted Tom to his beloved. He knew not what gave her such a charm in his eyes. Her teeth, gleaming by ROZODONT, which she had used from girlhood, did his business. She held her lover by virtue of ROZODONT.

Good-wife Grundle grieves and groans, Day and night with sighs and moans. Wears her life away. Good-wife Grundle and smiles; Time, the gray old thief, beguiles; Keeps as fresh as May.

The two women are of the same age but Good-wife Grundle looks fully fifteen years the older. She is the victim of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Pain, "female weakness" and low spirits are her constant companions. Her young wife, Gayheart, thanks to the "Prescription," enjoys perfect health and seems to grow more vigorous and aggressive every day. There is nothing equal to this remedy for all female disorders.

There are less persons afflicted with rheumatism since our druggists have sold Serravallo's. Few are aware of the importance of checking a cough or common cold in its first stages. This, in the beginning would yield to a mild remedy, if neglected, soon preys upon the lungs. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and Serravallo's is an infallible remedy. Price 25 cents a bottle.

With Ely's Cream Balm a child can be treated without pain or dread and with perfect safety. Try it carefully. It cures catarrh, fever and colds in the head. It is easily applied to the nostrils and gives relief to the first application. Price 50c.

For Sale. PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1889. The undersigned, executor of William Spencer, deceased, will expose to sale at 1 o'clock p. m., on the premises, a large two-story BRICK HOUSE, with pump at door, large Bank Barn, and other outbuildings. The farm is well fenced, divided into convenient fields, well watered and under good cultivation.

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