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The Electric Power Grant.

The mayor having vetoed the resolution by which the councils unlawfully undertook to grant the right to put poles and electric wires upon the streets to propel the rail cars, a new and proper start has been made in the work of making this grant. It will now be made, if it is made, with due deliberation. The objections to the project will have consideration and the opinions of the people will be heard. Those who have anything to urge in the matter may have audience through our columns if they express themselves with proper brevity.

We have already said that the proposed electric street car propulsion was probably a good thing, but that the poles and overhead wires were objectionable. We understand, however, that the present sentiment of councils is favorable to their erection; the committee that has been at Easton reported favorably upon the system as practiced there.

Certainly, however, such a grant should be accompanied by proper reservations. It should not, for instance, be perpetual, upon the terms now made. Five dollars a car may be a fair tax now, but in ten or twenty years it may be absurdly small. The city certainly should have the power of raising the rate at the end of say five year terms; and the councils, even if they make their grant perpetual, should surely reserve the right to change the car charge at stated periods.

This charge is in the shape of a tax; and the city may change its tax rate annually. Why then should it be an annual payment on street cars and poles, that may be held to be subject to change? Here it would seem to be a perpetual grant of the use of the streets for electric poles and wires for street car propulsion, at an annual price of five dollars per car and fifty cents per pole; which the grantee of the privilege will be sure to maintain is a charge that runs with the grant and law never be increased. Is that as it should be? Surely not.

This grantee will further maintain, after he has entered into his contract with the city, that no pressure of public necessity can ever take it from him, even though the electric use should be dangerous to life. It is true that if it shall be held to be a public nuisance, as the electric wires in New York are held to be when condemned by the authorities of the city, the authorities may lawfully abate such nuisance; but there is likely to be a wearisome legal jangle before such power can be exercised; and wherefore should not a properly wise council, in granting the right to erect poles and put up overhead electric wires, covenant that they shall not prove a public danger and nuisance; and that if they shall so prove to be, in the judgment of the councils of the city, the councils may revoke the grant of their use or otherwise abate it from him.

And again, should not the councils require the provisions of the act of 1878 to be obeyed, which requires street railways to be laid in continuous circuits? To be sure, there is the law for them to obey; but it is seen that it has not yet been obeyed, and presumably the street car companies expect to wriggle out of obeying it by pretending that they obtain a complete circuit through their turnouts. This is not a compliance with the meaning of the law is sufficiently shown by the statement that no street car company could fail to have such a circuit, as it would need to get its cars back to the starting place by some device. It was just these miserable turnouts, that are such nuisances upon the streets, that the law undertook to abate, by requiring all street car companies to make complete circuits on independent lines of rails.

It is the way in which a street car service can be made to be of the least inconvenience to those who otherwise use the streets, and it is the only way in which a satisfactory car service can be had. It should certainly be required by the councils if they make this grant. The requirement will not be an onerous one, and it will be to the ultimate interest of the car companies themselves to accede to it.

The Bearing of Two Facts. The news of the day brings us two items of news about the Gowen tragedy, bearing different ways upon the theory of suicide. A pistol, said to be the one found in the room of Mr. Gowen, has been identified as the one sold by the Washington stockbroker on Thursday evening to a gentleman who is supposed to have been Mr. Gowen, but who has not been so identified with any sort of precision. This fact supports the suicide theory; as if Mr. Gowen bought the pistol found by his side, and that pistol slew him, which has not been shown, a strong presumption arises that he fired it; but it is manifestly not a conclusive one.

The second fact now stated is that no marks of powder were found about the wound by the physician who examined the body. This fact is absolutely inconsistent with the theory of suicide and should of itself suffice to refute it to every intelligence, being clear that the powder of the ball would be driven into the skin abundantly at the close range at which self-murder would require the pistol to be held; with the ball entering in a straight line above and behind the ear.

A New Rule for Pittsburg. Pittsburg enjoys the dignity, with Philadelphia, of having a postoffice which is a senatorial appointment, under the law as laid down by this administration, at the instance of Senator Quay, who the theory accuses his selection for postmaster against Congressman Dalzell's. The unwritten law of the department, according to Wannamaker, gives the selection of the postmaster of a district to its congressman; but it is amendable to suit changed circumstances. Heretofore, the Pittsburg office has been in the gift of the Pittsburg congressman. But now the congressman has his neck wrung by a new rule as he failed to accord with the senators; as Quay says

well behaved congressmen heretofore have done. And here observing that he says senators, note the persistent agreement of the senior senator with the junior, and learn from this example how great and sweet may be the concord between two minds. Their hearts beat but as one; which one is the junior's.

The doctrine of the distribution of the spoils, as it is now established, is that congressmen may have what they find in their districts, if they do not do anything disagreeable to a senator who is occupying himself with the administration of the party in state. Such senator can have what he demands, and precedents will be arranged for his consideration or set aside at his desire; provided he carries guns enough.

How pleasing to Republicans must be the quarrels of their losses. A GREAT many wild fancies are playing with the African information just furnished by Mr. Stanley, and there is talk of a railroad between the upper Zambezi and the Victoria watershed, also to Tanganyika, the peak of Itenzi and on to Aruwimi via Uluung Bangweulu Kaurire. It would be well to send out a party of philological engineers to clear away this African jungle of names before attempting to run a railroad among them.

EMIN PASHA is reported entirely out of danger and making rapid progress towards recovery. So the story of his African kingdom may be told by the man himself and if he is half as good a writer as he was a ruler he can make a volume of absorbing interest.

THE World reporter, Nellie Hly, arrived at Singapore on Wednesday, completing the first half of her rapid journey around the earth. Her trip has been full of adventures and failures to make several of them would have spoiled the whole undertaking.

PART II of the "Report of the Pennsylvania State College" is devoted to the agricultural experiment station and contains a vast amount of information that should be useful to farmers as well as descriptions of the farm and buildings and explanations of the working of the station. The office and laboratory building, of which a cut is given, is a specimen of that modern cottage architecture in which windows of curious shape and several chimneys are the chief characteristics. It is a very comfortable and useful building, and the station is well equipped with the facilities for the practical application of chemistry in agriculture are so applied that the average farmer can profit by the results. There is plenty of room for sections on the farm, but the buildings analyze soils and test just what is needed to improve a certain crop in a certain way is usually too valuable a man to be available in practical farming. Even if the man of science could be brought to work for the farmer it is very doubtful whether he would do the feet, than having the scientist usually comes to grief when he approaches the business application of his knowledge and has to consider cost and values. The agricultural experiment station is in itself an experiment, but as its reports are distributed free to all who ask for them and its results given to every farmer, the inquiries from farmers, there seems to be reason to hope that it may prove very useful to intelligent farmers. Letters should be addressed to the director of the State college, Centre county. The station is supported by fifteen thousand dollars a year from the general government and the buildings have been erected by the state. In this volume the field experiments with fertilizers, which have been in progress since 1881, are reported upon and seem to favor the use of the cheaper and less soluble phosphates. A number of varieties of farm crops have been tested and special attention given to corn. The horticulturist's report gives an extended account of comparative trials with different varieties of vegetables.

THE influenza is in Boston. This is because it is called the Russian influenza and anything barbarously Russian is favored in cultured Boston just now.

THE New York Normal school girls to the number of seventeen hundred gave a lively reception to the South American delegates on Tuesday and rather astonished the courtly Spaniards by treating them like interesting curiosities of a traveling show.

EMBRYO SAILORS "STARVE." They Complete of the Bill of Fare and the Doctor. From the Philadelphia Telegraph. The establishment of the school ship Saratoga in this city seems to have painfully demonstrated, in the short period of one week, that the great and liberal state of Pennsylvania and the benevolent city of Philadelphia are not rich enough to comfortably and properly feed the boys to whom they have held out a cordial invitation to learn to be mariners. The first three days in the experience of the boys aboard the vessel were not so good as to elapse before grumblings were heard about the food. Now, the complaints do not seem to have abated and one of the boys on the vessel said yesterday that he has been asked by a companion to sign a letter of protest to the captain in regard to the food, and also in regard to another incident which occurred to-day.

This morning George Voigt was struck on the nose with a boat-head accidentally, and the boys are under the impression that his nose is broken. One of the boys, who was going to sign the letter of protest, says that the doctor was sent for, and when he came he examined the nose, and said it was only sprained. He told him to rub it with cold water and stand around awhile until the swelling went down. Voigt refused so many pills that his stomach raged up a hammock for him in the vessel's deck and put him to bed. The doctor afterwards came down and saw him and tied a wet sponge over his nose. This afternoon Voigt went home. The boys complain that the doctor did not give the wounded boy the attention he ought to have.

The food, however, is the most serious subject of complaint. Last Saturday the attention of Charles Lawrence, the president of the board of directors, was called to the fact that complaints had been made. A boy on that day said they had nothing for breakfast but oatmeal, bread and coffee, and a wet sponge over his nose. This afternoon Voigt went home. The boys complain that the doctor did not give the wounded boy the attention he ought to have.

Well," said Mr. Lawrence, "what do they expect? Do they expect to get a bill of fare on board ship? If they do, they will be mistaken. I myself visited Girard college and other institutions, and we endeavored as nearly as possible to copy after the schedule of rations at Girard college. All I have to say is that if the papers are going to publish anonymous stuff coming from these boys, I am going to put a stop to it. If I knew who the little scoundrel was that tells such stuff, it wouldn't be worth the trouble to hunt for him."

Mr. Lawrence then said that his question had entire liberty to go aboard the Saratoga and get a copy of the bill of fare. Alcohol as a Beverage. At a meeting of the Druggists' association of Reading the best plan to stop the sale of liquor was discussed. The subject of the meeting that outside business men were in the habit of selling alcohol without any inquiry into the uses to which it was likely to be put. The result was that it was bought by Hungarians and other foreigners who, by diluting it with water and adding a little beverage and making it into drunken orgies. It was stated at the meeting

that none of the druggists were selling alcohol without prescriptions, and they thought there should be some regulation by means of which it should be sold only for legitimate uses. A great many rows which disturb the peace among some of the more ignorant Hungarians and Poles are attributable to the use of alcohol, which they sometimes drink in a raw state and at other times mix with beer and flavor with dried apples, making a tipple which causes them to be very quarrelsome.

Ray, maiden, with the raven hair, So beautiful and lithe and tall, With eyes so bright and cheeks so fair, Why let your teeth destroy it all? For they are dark, and feel the want Of a soft brush and SOFT SOAP.

Dr. Hall's Cough Syrup is a purely vegetable compound, innocent in nature and wonderful in effect. For children it is invaluable, curing cough, whooping cough, etc., in a few hours. Price, 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. Mr. W. R. Graves, of Wetheredville, Mo., writes: "I suffer sometimes with acute rheumatism, and your Serravallo Oil gives me the instant relief. I cordially recommend it as a sure cure." Read guarantee on bottle wrapper. W. H. W.

A Life Preserver thrown to you by the sea of troubles that threaten to engulf you, and one that will float you over threatening crises safely. It is found in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. You make a dangerous mistake if you do not seize and make use of it. If you are afflicted with any of these distressing ailments peculiar to your sex, styled "female complaints," for it is a guaranteed cure for each and every ill of the kind. The only medicine sold by druggists under a positive guarantee from the manufacturer, of satisfaction in every case, or money refunded. Read guarantee on bottle wrapper. W. H. W.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO. Scrofula in Children. "In the early part of 1887 scrofula appeared on the head of my little grandchild, then only 18 months old. Shortly after breaking out it spread rapidly over the face and neck. The scabs on the face would peel off on the slightest touch, and the odor that would arise would make the atmosphere of the room sickening and unbearable. The disease next attacked the eyes and the child's female complaint, for it is a guaranteed cure for each and every ill of the kind. The only medicine sold by druggists under a positive guarantee from the manufacturer, of satisfaction in every case, or money refunded. Read guarantee on bottle wrapper. W. H. W.

Cancer of the Nose. In 1875 a cancer grew on my nose, and grew rapidly. As my father had cancer, and my husband died of it, I became alarmed and consulted by physicians. His treatment did me no good, and the sore grew larger and worse in every way, until I was persuaded to take S. S. S. and the cure was effected. This was after all the doctors and other medicines had failed. I have had no return of the cancer. Mrs. M. T. MARES, Woodbury, Hill County, Texas. Treatise on Cancer mailed free. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga. (25-134)

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