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PITTSBURGH'S BATTLE.

The reports from business circles show the mercantile and manufacturing interests to be getting fully awake to the importance of the agitation on the question of railway rates. The recognition is almost universal that in this matter are bound up the future of Pittsburgh and the question whether our city shall gain the full benefit of its natural advantages or have its growth limited and restrained by adverse railway charges.

The very vital fact is pointed out by one who is a merchant, that we have in the Constitution a very complete system of regulation for State railways, which has remained a dead letter for fifteen years because railroad influence prevented its enforcement. This is a fact to which THE DISPATCH has often adverted, and it is made the more cogent because these very provisions of the fundamental law are evaded in the compact by which the South Penn road was strangled. However it may be necessary to support the Constitution with provisions requiring a more reasonable procedure in the State and inter-State routes, it is certainly a good platform for the start to insist on enforcing the constitutional provisions that we have.

To add to the force of awakening public opinion Mr. Carnegie gave the members of the Legislature last night a very lively statement of the needs and wishes of our industrial interests. If Mr. Carnegie succeeds in waking up the Legislature as he has aroused Pittsburgh, he can congratulate himself on a great success.

RESUMPTION OF THE RIVER MINES.

The resumption of the majority of the river mines, a little over a week after the shut-down which was so impressively announced, will be likely to create the impression that the declaration of an indefinite stoppage, until wages were reduced or the market improved, required a considerable saline seasoning. It seems by the commentary of events to have rested on the basis of a customary shut-down until the empty craft got back and there was another opportunity for shipments. Whether this is the true explanation or not, we congratulate both the operators and miners upon the practical evidence that there is still a little margin for shipping coal, and that work can be found for the miners on their present basis for wages. Whether steeper work might not be secured by a slight reduction is a question for the operators and miners to determine between themselves. But that the above conclusion is justified by the resumption is proved by the well known fact that the operators do not, as a rule, ship coal merely for amusement.

TWO KINDS OF METHODS.

The first day of the conflict between the Producers' Association and the middlemen in the milk trade does not seem to have crowned the policy of shutting off the supply with any glittering success. The milk dealers profess to have been able to obtain supplies for their trade; and, so far as can be perceived from the outside, the principal losers are those producers who, by the edict of the association, have cut down their shipments 75 per cent.

Claims are made that the grip of the association will be demonstrated in a day or two, but the fact that the milk supply is not increased makes it doubtful if the actual result may be the other way. But another project of the association, namely, that of directly supplying retailers and consumers promises more of an outcome. That is a legitimate way of decreasing the cost of taking the product from the producer to the consumer. There is little doubt that the middlemen's charges have been large, and an organization which reduces that margin by controlling a large trade will be likely to confer equal advantages upon the farmer and the city consumer.

The sooner the Producers' Association enters upon that legitimate effort to control the milk trade, and abandons the illegitimate attempt to create artificial scarcity, the sooner will it aid the farmer by increased competition and increased consumption for its product.

THE DEMAND OF DISCIPLINE.

The statements which are made on behalf of Mr. Ellis H. Roberts, in accepting the position of sub-Treasurer of the New York Association of Manufacturers, are very interesting in relation to the growth of an unwritten constitution governing the duty of political leaders to take office. It was the Hon. William Lawrence, of Ohio, we believe, who once developed the theory, in connection with an anti-slavery salary grab, that as the Constitution says that Congressmen "shall receive" the compensation fixed by law, they have no option, and if they refuse to take their share of a big salary they would violate the Constitution. Some unwritten element of the same tenor seems to have prevailed in Mr. Roberts' case. The place of \$8,000 a year could not lure him from his rural grandeur as a Union editor; but President Harrison insisted that the Republican party owe the appointment to Mr. Roberts, and therefore party discipline required him to take the tolerably well-paid place he did not want. This is a singular example of the way in which the love of party constrains us.

THEY PAY THE EXPENSE.

As a criticism of the proposition to reduce letter postage to one cent, the Atlanta Constitution advances the proposition that "the reduction in postage has already outstripped the facilities for handling and delivering the mail. It then proceeds to criticize the fact that the cost of a letter

has his mail delivered to him several times a day, while the countryman is compelled to get a great many miles for his mail, and is fortunate if he gets it once a week. These considerations lead the Constitution to declare:

It cannot be denied that the postal service, as it is now conducted, confers privileges on a class of citizens that it does not confer on another. The mail facilities of the people of a small town are not to be compared with those of the people of a city, and yet there is no reason why the Government should accommodate one class of persons over another.

This is, perhaps, a natural view for a representative of the agricultural interests to take; but there is a boomerang in it. For although the mail facilities of the country district are necessarily far less complete than those of the cities, if the account is drawn between them as separate classes, it will be found that the postal system gives mail facilities to the country people at the expense of the city people. In other words, the large recipients of city postoffices not only pay the expenses of their own postoffices, but they also pay a material balance toward bearing the cost of the ordinary facilities in country districts where the receipts do not meet expenses.

This has been demonstrated in two ways. In the first place city delivery systems have prospered and made money by delivering letters in cities at the regular postage charges, until the Government interfered with the business as an encroachment on the governmental monopoly. In the second place, the showing of the largest postoffice of the country gives the exact figures. The excess of receipts over expenditures at the New York Postoffice in 1888 was \$3,271,000, or about half the gross receipts. This balance, with similar contributions in smaller amounts from other cities, is used in paying the expenses of country mail service where the receipts do not balance the expenditures.

The city people can well afford to pay the slight contribution to all parts of the country. But if instead of viewing the postal system as a whole, the idea of setting the interests of one class against the other were to prevail, the inevitable result of contemporary principle would be the lowering of postage in the cities and raising it in the country districts.

BOULANGER'S LAST MOVE.

General Boulanger has been told to leave Belgium, it is said. General Boulanger is not a man who expects to stay in Brussels for any length of time. He will, it is said, go to England and console himself with the salt air and expensive hotels of Brighton. There will be no objection to his presence there, so long as the "Boulanger March" is played in the slow time and minor key which has characterized it lately.

An absurd report has appeared to the effect that some Englishmen objected to Boulanger's being allowed to take refuge in England, and would petition the Government to put their objection into execution. In the first place, it is very improbable that any Englishman of importance entertain such remarkable hostility to General Boulanger, and, in the second, it would be against all precedent for the English Government to forbid the refugee to land in England. The case of Johann Most, who was imprisoned for publicly expressing sympathy with the assassins of Emperor Alexander of Russia in his London paper, has not the remotest bearing upon the question of General Boulanger's right to stay at his pleasure in an English hotel.

The charges against General Boulanger are entirely untrue, as far as the French Ministry has revealed them, do not amount to much anyhow, considering the normal characteristics of French politics. His worst offense seems to have lain in his successful flight. The leader of the anti-Boulanger party, and motive member of the present Ministry, was in favor of removing the "man on horseback" from the public view by measures more or less desperate. The proposed victim did not see the utility of permitting his enemies to experiment with him as they pleased, and quietly fled. Lord Salisbury might, if he were a Frenchman, be tempted to advertise Frenchman's face, if he could do so with safety to himself. But he cannot. Boulanger will be heartily welcomed by the Brighton hotelkeepers, and the South Coast railways will doubtless soon be running excursion trains to accommodate the crowds eager to see the blue-eyed hero and boy of France.

THE WORRY OF PATRONAGE.

The editorial deduction of the New York Tribune from the visible effects of the worry and strain to which the President has been subjected of late, is a rather striking proof of the logic of events. The Tribune, among the ranks of the civil service reformers is almost as refreshing a novelty as Saul among the prophets; yet that journal very plainly declares that the greatest tax upon General Harrison's strength has been from the office seekers during the past month. It then proceeds to drive the nail home by indorsing ex-Secretary Endicott's assertion that "civil service reform is a necessity, in order to protect the health and life of a President."

However conclusive this may seem to the public mind, it will fail to convince the Senators by uttering failing to convince the Senators who have lately been flinging up their hindquarters over the President's exercise of his appointing power. They are heroically ready to stand in the breach and relieve the President of all trouble. They will jointly and severally undertake to bear the worry of selecting the appointees from their respective States. Their theory of government has been announced to the effect that the members of the Legislature should wield the nominating power and bear the responsibility. With the offices paroled out to the Senators and Congressmen, they think that the strain upon Presidential strength might be wholly taken away, and any damage in the past could be wholly recuperated by letting the President go fishing.

This plan seems admirably adapted for relieving the President, alike of trouble, responsibility and authority. The Senators seem confident of their ability to stand the strain; but after a few years of that sort of appointments the people might worry them a good deal.

A BURLY COMPANY.

A rather stunning example of the lengths to which corporate undertakings can be carried is furnished by the announcement that, under the laws of Connecticut, the Hartford Burglary Company is to be started. This title is not intended to advertise a wholesale departure in the burglary business. On the contrary, its purpose is to insure policy holders against burglary and to secure the arrest of the burglars. Whether that protection might not be aided by an entente cordiale between the company and the burglar, like that between Donald Bean and Fergus MacIvor, may provoke discussion in the future. But it can hardly fail to impress itself on the minds of the majority that they already

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Senator Quay Means to Rest—A Woman's View of the President—A New Nursery Ballad—The Mocking Bird and the Hen.

THE office seeker who thinks to advance his cause by denouncing Senator Quay in his home at Beaver is sadly mistaken. Mr. Quay has been so thoroughly exhausted in his tussle with men waiting favors at Washington that he has no time to spare for a man who would be so high time to decide whether they shall run the Government or the Government run them.

THE reported statement of a grand jurymen, that the effect on constables of the recent disciplinary measures has been to make them anxious to do their duty, is calculated to provoke the wish that the trouble might be continued, and that in the contact between the officers of the law and the grand jury the latter body might catch it.

IN referring to the visits of the Secretary of the Navy to the League Island Navy Yard at Philadelphia, the Record of that city describes the place as "covered with rotting timbers, rusty and grass-grown railway tracks, disordered material, ramshackle workbenches, vessels bilged and sunken, and other obnoxious indications of neglect and decay." It then goes on to refer to "a continuation of the reforms begun by Secretary Whitney." It seems as if four years of reform under Secretary Whitney ought to have ameliorated some of the conditions which are described by his party organ at the end of his term.

WHEN a West Virginia grocer is able to eject the Governor of that State from his grocery, it is scarcely the reason of that State might summon up people enough to eject the official from the office which he is holding, and which belongs to another man.

THE circular of an Eastern brokerage firm to the stockholders of the Aetna, Topoka and Santa Fe Railroads, urging them to send in their proxies for an election which shall make a change of management in the interest of the protection of the stockholders, is made somewhat remarkable from the fact that this firm is closely allied with Jay Gould. The idea of putting Jay Gould in the charge of a railroad for the protection of the stockholders is either a gigantic joke or intended as the most outlying sarsaparilla upon the former management of the company.

THE advance of spring brings what down and accomplishes the still more useful result of making all the fellows who have been screwing up on the price of flour for the past six months to cover.

THE NEW NURSERY BALLAD.

There was a fine new President, Who tried with all his might, To get his hands on the weather, And pen the pigs in eight.

There was a den of sinners, All wide and warty men, Who said that Halsted was a pig for not to let the weather, For your place if you want to Paris this summer.

"Mr. Harrison laughed heartily and replied: 'I don't care for the weather, but I'll lay the matter before the Cabinet.'"

"If you ask me what I think of Mr. Harrison I say that he's too new for anything!"

EUSK WON'T RUN IN DEBT.

HE WITH KEYS WITHIN HIS HAND, IF HE Discharges His Entire Force, WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary Rank finds the roll of employees of the Agricultural Department so largely in excess of the resources for the current year that until after the 30th of March he will be unable to make appointments. In the second division 80 of the employees have been dismissed, and the force will be still further reduced.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

FIVE of the seven members of the Vermont Supreme Court were born in 1835. REV. G. O. HARNES, the "mountain evangelist," has settled on Sanibel Island, off the coast of Florida.

IT is recalled that President Lincoln once extended ecclesiastical clemency to a young Englishman found guilty of piracy and blockade running because, as he expressed it, "John Bull, of England, had asked us to pardon him."

REV. STERLING BROWN, formerly of Cleveland, is pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church in Washington. Mr. Brown is a rather slim mutton about 25 years old, with a slight black mustache, and wears glasses. He is a pleasing talker.

THE daughter of the celebrated Prof. A. A. Noyes, of Boston, who was connected with the Fish Commission, and lately was director of the United States Fish Commission, is a young lady, who leaves a widow, daughter of the late Assistant Postmaster General, Maynard, of Tennessee, who died in 1887.

MAJOR WORKMAN W. H. HANNA, Special Telegram to The Dispatch. NEW CASTLE, April 8.—W. H. Hanna, died at his home in New Castle, Pa., of a heart ailment, aged 31 years. Mr. Hanna presided over this district at the time of the Carbon limestone strike, and when the Carbon Labor Union was formed, he was one of its organizers. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, and was elected to the office of State Senator in 1887.

CARL BENJAMIN, King of the Marshall Islands, who is a very rich man, about 30 years old, has been shipwrecked on the islands about nine years ago, became acquainted with the people, and was made King a short time ago. He has 19 wives and numerous children.

AT THE THEATERS.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

ONE-thirtieth of the whole population of Iceland emigrated last year. DURING the civil war 267 Union soldiers were executed for desertion. IT is estimated that there are 20,000 more women in Washington than men. ONIONS are worth only 10 cents a bushel at Cochranton, Pa., and potatoes only 17.

A "sneering party" is the latest Maine diversion reported. The "treat" was made upon the New York streets. GLASS furniture is manufactured especially for India, where the rajahs like glittering and showy rooms. A lady claims to have seen an ancestor of hers in the New York streets.

ONE Iowa clergyman recently married three couples and conducted two funerals in one day, and to do it drove 90 miles. Total recollections. A full-grown cow invaded the playgrounds of the school at Ocean View, Cape May county, N. J., a few days ago. It was shot by one of the pupils.

ONE Long Island waiter found a pocket-book containing \$5,000 on Sunday and returned it to the owner. He received 25 cents as a reward for his honesty. SAMUEL Jones, a colored farmer near Middletown, Del., runs a horse house exclusively for his own children. The eldest son teaches a dozen of his younger brothers and sisters.

A discussion as to the height of trees in the forests of Victoria, New South Wales, has elicited from Baron von Mueller, the Government botanist, the statement that he saw one 100 feet high, and that he had seen others of the same height. HOSEA Ham, of Corinth, Me., has an iron pot, which was brought to this country in the Mayflower. It was used as a cooking pot, and was the only one that has been found against the Indians.

A York lady bit into an apple and found wrapped around the core a piece of coarse thread 34 inches long. It is supposed to have been left by a bird when the apple was in full blossom. A woman who keeps a saloon in Cincinnati during the past five years has broken her head in a fight with a man who would not walk out like gentlemen. A wagon spoke is her favorite weapon.

THE biggest barometer on the continent is being made for the Georgia Technological School at Atlanta. The tube is to be 20 feet long, with a diameter of three inches. Siphonics are being used in the construction of the barometer. THE Jamaica railway system, which has been sold to an American syndicate, comprises about 85 miles of line in all, running from Kingston to Spanish Town and Old Harbor and another from Kingston to Port Antonio.

A WEALTHY WOMAN IN CASTLE GARDEN.

GOVERNMENT Officials Deny a Rich Passenger Who is Incurably Insane. NEW YORK, April 8.—This morning, for the first time in the history of the Board of Emigration Commissioners, a compelling steamship boarding officers to inspect and examine first-class passengers, a saloon stowaway was detected. The stowaway was a woman named Susan Kennedy, who was found in Castle Garden. The prisoner was Madame Albert l'Homme-Bonglivaire, an educated and refined woman of nearly 70 years. She occupied the most comfortable of the staterooms on the French steamer La Gasconne. She had large trunks filled with property on board. The boarding officer found that she was a stowaway, and she had hidden in one of her trunks a quantity of goods in violation of the law. The physician there said her malady was incurable. Her name, Susan Kennedy, was marked on her baggage. She said she was a widow, and had a family in France. She had been living in Paris for many years. She was an excellent Irish pianist. Her husband, James M. Kennedy, was for many years British Consul at Louisville, Ky., where her three nephews, whom she was on her way to visit, had died. Her husband was a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin. She is a fluent conversationalist and speaks French, Spanish and German. She had been in the city many years, and she had been in the city many years, and she had been in the city many years.

A SQUARE MILE OF SOVEREIGNS.

WHAT IT COST TO SUPPLY GREAT BRITAIN WITH DRINK FOR A YEAR. From the New York (Eng.) Chronicle. YET another curious calculation based on the nation's annual expenditure in drink. Last year the total amount expended in Great Britain was \$218,011,428. This amount, it is stated, would give 57 1/2 p. per head to the estimated population of the nation, and 216 p. per acre. If the same amount were expended in sovereigns would be 976 tons, while it would cover a space of 628 acres with sovereigns laid edge to edge. If the coins were placed face to face they would reach 119 1/2 miles, or make a golden cord reaching from Carlisle to Liverpool or Manchester. Placed edge to edge they would extend a distance of 119 1/2 miles.

TO count these coins at one sovereign per second would take four years, less a fortnight. The total amount of gold and silver in the world is estimated to be 1,000,000,000,000. The total amount of gold and silver in the world is estimated to be 1,000,000,000,000. The total amount of gold and silver in the world is estimated to be 1,000,000,000,000.

CRAZED BY RELIGION.

A Young Lady Eastman Made Incurably Insane by a Revivalist. NEW YORK, April 8.—A young lady named Estlin Eastman, who was a member of the Methodist Church, Birmingham, in an effort to convert a young man named Eastman, who was a member of the Methodist Church, Birmingham, in an effort to convert a young man named Eastman, who was a member of the Methodist Church, Birmingham, in an effort to convert a young man named Eastman, who was a member of the Methodist Church, Birmingham, in an effort to convert a