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THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS.

The strike of the coke workers in the Conneville district bids fair to rival preceding wage disputes in that industry, for the incongruity and unexpectedness of its events. The strike of 1887 made a remarkable record in that way, but the present one rivals it as far as it has got.

The former strike, it will be remembered, was due to the refusal of the operators to accede to the verdict on an arbitration. It was hardly thought that such a strike ought to be so successful, but after it progressed to a certain stage the Carnegie interests conceded an advance. By all precedents this was a harbinger of victory; but after a continuance of the strike in the other works the contrary was found to be the case, and the men gave up.

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A highly complimented candidate. It is the good fortune of Major Montooth that no matter how Old Time rolls on he is still popular by the press of the State as the "popular young Republican," the "handsome young Pittsburger," etc. While "paying deserv'd compliments to the Major for his many estimable qualities, his youthfulness is never forgotten.

What they should do. The investigation which has been going on into the Illinois coal strikes has produced a declaration from one of the members of the investigating body that "both the miners and operators are in a great measure justified in their positions. At the prices offered the latter they can only do business at a loss and at the prices offered the former they cannot earn a living."

He probably doesn't want it. The fondness of our esteemed and brilliant cotemporary, the New York Sun, for enriching the terminology of politics with new and astonishing words has heretofore been one of its effective characteristics. It has injected the term "Mugwump" into our language, and has given a newspaper proprietor in a neighboring State more than local fame under the title of "a hebetudinous crank."

Not the right motive. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic, in various sections of the country, have voted to sustain the action of certain of the department commanders who recommended the members of that order, on account of the refusal of the railroad to accede to the rates on excursion tickets, of one cent per mile, to stay away from the Milwaukee encampment.

It is undoubtedly a legitimate right of the members of the G. A. R. to stay away from their national gathering, if the railroad does not give them an excursion rate at which they belong to everyone; and as the railroad took concerted action in their refusal to grant the requested excursion rate, the concerted action of the members of the Grand Army in staying away because the rate was not granted, is little more than tit for tat.

It is necessary to remark that the order should not permit itself or its members to be swayed upon questions of public policy merely by personal grudges. The DISPATCH has long held the position that there are measures of legislation and regulation required to prevent actions on the part of the railroad against the public interests.

It is an attitude which a patriotic order provoke some Army officers to afford to take. They should take care not to forget the difference between acting on public questions for the good of the public, and acting from personal and selfish motives.

The very interesting fight which is afoot in Allegheny Councils between the rival passenger railway lines, as to whether one should be selected in time to put the tax list in the hands of the City Treasurer on the first of April has been copied a little more promptly.

A unique view of social distinctions is presented by the Boston Globe, which says, that after Sullivan has bowed to the "superstition" in the South that the law must be vindicated, he "may become the hero of the hour, and the subject of a campaign poem in honor of Harrison, is one of the productions of the opposition press that calls for a very sudden crashing, if it is not true.

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THE ELIXIR OF LIFE.

A Curious Phase of the Discussion on This Interesting Subject—Illusions of the Rich and Poor—Contentment Better Than Rejuvenation.

There is much discussion just now about the discovery by Dr. Brown-Sequard of a preparation which restores the aged to youth, and their lost vigor. A curious phase of this discussion has been the very generally accepted conclusion that in the opinion of most men of scientific attainments, the discovery is not a discovery at all, but a mere illusion.

It is a matter of course that this is an age of disillusion and much uneasiness. There were many movements started at the beginning of this century which strike us as absurd and grotesque when we look back upon them. Some of these movements were started by men who were not without brains and energy, but who were misled by their own imaginations.

The statement that a former was poisoned by the President of a California penitentiary because he wrote a campaign poem in honor of Harrison, is one of the productions of the opposition press that calls for a very sudden crashing, if it is not true.

We like anecdotes concerning political characters, and those which the Chicago Free Press publishes are generally fresh and funny. But when it steals the old story of the eloquent way in which Tom Corwin replied to a man who stood on the edge of the crowd, shouting, "Loud," and credits the exact speech to Governor Leon J. Abbott, at the late St. Louis Convention, it is necessary to warn it against the indication that it is getting into its senescence.

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The rumor that the Standard Oil and Sugar Trust crowd are forming a combination to control the supply of guinea pigs, lambs and other animals, is a subject of great interest. It would be a subject of grief to these eminent capitalists if they allowed anything that contributes to life to go unmonopolized; but at present it is hard to see how they are to follow their favorite policy of restricting production in the case of those very productive animals.

When we find our cotemporary, the Detroit Free Press, criticizing Mrs. Heman's poem concerning the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, because it speaks of their landing on a rock bound coast, and the correction that "rocks are scarce on the sandy shores of Cape Cod," it is not surprising to suggest that the esteemed Free Press should overhaul its geography and make a note of the fact that Plymouth Rock is not located on Cape Cod.

People of prominence. Attorney General Miller left Washington yesterday afternoon for Indianapolis. The Rev. William Ambler, a prominent Episcopal clergyman of Virginia, is expected to arrive in this city on Monday. It is generally known that Mr. Gladstone has only three fingers on his left hand. The index finger was shot off 47 years ago, by an accident in the tannery at Beddington, a thriving village in the county of Surrey, England.

Fossil insects valuable. Yankee capitalists expect to make a fortune from them. CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 6.—About one mile from the tannery at Beddington, a thriving village in the county of Surrey, England, a beautiful fossil insect was discovered in a quarry. The insect was found in a mass of fossiliferous limestone, and was preserved in a state of perfect preservation. It is a species of the genus Silicia, and is the only one of its kind known in the world.

WORKING AGAINST GREAT ODDS.

The Gas Company of Washington Fighting All Opposition. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, August 6.—The United States Electric Light and Power Company, the Pittsburgh corporation which several days ago secured from the commissioners of the district of Columbia a franchise to supply the city with gas, is now fighting a desperate battle against the opposition of the city and the United States Electric Light Company.

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Orphan schools leased. The Commission Meets and Disposes of Three of the Institutions. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, August 6.—The Orphan Commission met in this city today to consider the demands made by the owners of the schools at Juncumbville, Whitehall and Harford, and to dispose of three of the institutions.

Must settle it themselves. The Commission Meets to Decide a Matter in Washington. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, August 6.—Several years ago the Court of Claims gave judgment for \$90,000 in favor of Peter Dickinson, of Tennessee, for cotton destroyed by General Burnside during the war.

Soldiers and sailors' chances. All Things Being Equal, They Have Preference. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, August 6.—In response to a letter of inquiry from W. R. Cooley, Chief Clerk of the Postoffice Department, James M. Tynar, Assistant Attorney General for the Fourth Department, has advised that the Civil Service Commission certified three names for appointment, and one of them was selected for the place.

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SUMMER EVENING CONCERTS.

Worked Their Little Game Well. (NEW YORK BUREAU SPECIAL.)

NEW YORK, August 6.—A gang of burglars sent a telegram to Mrs. John Hasleton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., saying that they had stolen her West Farm, N. Y., was dying. An hour after receiving the dispatch, Mrs. Hasleton and her daughter started up their house and were on their way to West Farm, N. Y., where they immediately entered the basement at a full gallop, and there they found the burglar's footprints.

Two Swine With a History. Two swine with a rather curious history behind them have just been brought against Cyrus W. Field, in the Court of Common Pleas, by the City of New York.

Another Society Girl's Venture. Another society girl has announced her intention to take to the stage next season. She is Miss Ruth Carpenter, of Indianapolis, who has never been on the stage before, and is said to be young, pretty and ambitious.

A Big Italian on the Rampage. Gaston Bleszinski, Italian tobaccoist of large physique, who has been in the city for some time, created a panic when he got drunk early this morning. He dragged his wife out of bed, and she, in her nightgown, tried to escape, but he caught her by the hair of her head, and she was unable to get away.

Lost Harmony Returns. The Exposition Society has the most fortunate news of its entire campaign, during its former existence, when it secured the services of the Great Western, as is proven by the friends that flocked to the Exposition, and nightly, to listen to its beautiful music.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

A rustic bridge just completed in Houston county, Ga., contains 57 different kinds of wood and vines, and all were grown in the county.

According to a story from Ohio a marked sparrow, liberated at Loudonville in July, was shot and killed in Huron, Dak. 11 days after, and the question arose how did the bird get so far off?

A lot of old letters having upon them stamps issued by the postmaster at St. Louis in 1847 were recently found in a trunk. The denominations were 10 and 20 cents, both of which are extremely rare.

A little girl fell off a three-story house near the city of Boston, and was killed. She was three years old, and was playing on the roof of the house. She was killed by the fall, and her death was a great loss to her family.

A carriage road to the top of Pike's Peak has just been completed. It begins at Cascade Canon, and extends 15 miles until it reaches the summit of the mountain. It is 147 feet above the level of the sea. There is a fine view of the Grand Valley, where at an altitude of 10,000 feet, the clouds are seen to be moving across Marshall Pass, 90 miles away.

The floods of this summer have shown great progress against the farmers of the water row of willow trees may be. The engineer in charge of the Potomac river improvements says that where willows were planted the soil was protected from the water, and that the willow trees were not so protected there was great loss.

Henry Hurlburt, of Boswell, Wis., pierced the ears and clipped the tail of his pet cat, a very fine specimen of the feline species. He pierced the ears with a pair of forceps, and used a pair of scissors to clip the tail. He said that the cat was very much pleased with the operation.

While Mrs. Charles Rindbeck, of Rockton, Ill., was visiting friends in Mankato, Minn., she was sitting talking with a friend when she suddenly fell from her chair. She was killed by the fall, and her death was a great loss to her family.

At Asbury Park last Sunday, several thousand persons gathered on the big ocean beach, and the famous bathing pier to watch the water polo match. The match was a very interesting one, and was won by the team from the United States.

An amusing marriage took place in Ellington, Ohio, on the 2nd inst. The bride and groom were both very young, and the ceremony was a very simple one. The bride was a very beautiful girl, and the groom was a very handsome young man.

THE PUBLIC UNAPPRECIATIVE.

It is undoubtedly a fact that few dupes in this part of the country are so ignorant in which every player is a master of his instrument, a proficiency which has been acquired only after years of hard and patient study.

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THEY CANNOT AGREE.

One case in which arbitration is not an entire success. CHICAGO, August 6.—The arbitration committee of three which was expected to report to-day on the proposed settlement of the troubles in the Northern Illinois coal fields, has failed to agree.

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