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A SPLENDID SHOWING. The meeting of the Exposition Society yesterday failed to reveal the faintest notion of that dissonance which had been rumored.

The showing which was made in the statements certainly warrants congratulation and pride at the position of the society. The completion of the fine buildings would be almost a matter of course.

The re-election of the board is no more than a slight recognition of this splendid record, and it was almost a matter of course that this should be the result of the meeting.

ELECTRIC TRANSIT. Pittsburg is now about to see a practical experiment with the electric railway on a large scale. The completion of the Pleasant Valley line, and the announcement that it will be in operation by the latter part of next week, will give us an opportunity to see how that system works in our crowded streets.

A PROPHECY OF EVIL. Some of our esteemed contemporaries have thought it desirable to prophesy in the prophetic cant of the business world, at set intervals relieve himself by prophesying a time when pigiron will sell at \$30 per ton.

IF the members of the iron trade desire to maintain its present condition of prosperity on a permanent basis, they will do their best to keep prices on a conservative level and make Bessner a false prophet.

A SUFFERING INDUSTRY. There is a peculiar feature in the facts which are testified to before the Senatorial beef investigation, to the effect that no one is making any money in beef nowadays.

A REPUBLICAN ESSENTIAL. The assertion made from sources manifestly opposed to the new Brazilian Government, "that the revolution simply involves the turning out of one set of officials who have always been in power and the turning in of another set, who are to be regarded as firmly on the spool basis as the case with any of the Brazilian Republicans.

THE PENALTIES OF GREATNESS ARE MANY. Perhaps it is the reason so many people avoid greatness. A good many great men and women are kind enough to let us know what an awful bore their importance is to them.

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR ARE SAID TO BE BRINGING ABOUT THE DAYS OF PROSPERITY. This is about the time when the farmer flees through the ice and catches a 21 or 22 pound fish.

ment. If it is doing this it is fulfilling the essential requirement of constitutional government; if it is postponing such action on any pretext, and simply holding on to the power gained by a military uprising, it is a dictatorship, and the people of Brazil have less liberty than they had under Pedro.

WHERE DELAY IS WISE. The idea of postponement is now being contemplated to put it off for one year, viz., till 1903, but it might be better to fix the date even later, say in 1905 and then have something creditable to show.

THE POSITION THAT MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE COUNTRY ROADS in the present country roads are a disgrace to the State. But that logic appears to call for some very urgent measures to be taken with the city which at present have a reputation for the predominance of the disgraceful characteristics of the roads.

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF NATURAL GAS will be an undoubted public benefit; but the benefit of the economy should be permitted to reach the consumer, as well as the gas companies.

THE DEATH OF MR. SOUTHWORTH, the slayer of Pettus, ends that remarkable case without the strain upon the jury system that her trial for murder would have produced.

THE OBSTACLE OF THE LAW. The discovery, reported in our local columns, of an act of Assembly by which the care of the public library in Allegheny, power to appropriate money and levy taxes for its support, and to provide rules and regulations for its use, are vested in the Board of Education, is a very valuable right which is going on in that city.

THE LIBRARY ALREADY EXISTING in Allegheny is city property, but the law did not select the City Property Committee as the body designed by the legislator to manage the library as an institution. The fire engines and houses are city property; but the idea has never before arisen that for that reason the City Property Committee should run the Fire Department.

A WOMAN'S WILL. The Judges of the Supreme Court of this State have affirmed the validity of the better half of humanity. They have decided practically that a woman may make her last will and testament as she pleases.

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THE TOPICAL TALKER. Fighting Grip—In the District Attorney's Den—Mr. Florence's Map.

WHEN a Pittsburg opened his school at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City last Thursday night, he was surprised to encounter these articles at the surface: A case of mustard leaves, a half pint glass of whisky, a well furnished man, a small box of soap, a cough cure, and a box of quinine pills.

THE DEATH OF THE DOWAGER EMPRESS OF Germany, the grandmother of the present Emperor, removes a figure that has been prominent as a lay figure and little more, in Europe for many years. The venerable Empress has never exercised any strong personal influence in German affairs.

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ELIZABETH DREXEL MARRIED. A Quiet and Impressive Wedding in a Little Home in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, January 7.—Elizabeth Drexel, a quiet and impressive wedding in a little home in Philadelphia. The bride was Miss Elizabeth Drexel, daughter of the late Thomas Drexel, and the groom was Mr. John Drexel.

THE STROLLER'S STORIES. Old Opinions and Quaint Observations From Curbs and Corridors.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. The debts of New York City is \$99,000,000.

Two thousand tons of January rubber are expected to arrive. Chicago produces an average of ten and a half per cent, or 500, in round numbers per year.

Two thousand four hundred and ninety-five telegraph miles have been hatched. Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled that a man who is injured in a railroad accident while riding in a paid, cannot recover damages.

For the first time, it is said, since their discovery the Straits of Mackinac are free from ice at this season of the year, and if the Government were to permit the Straits to be opened to navigation through the year.

A French electrical journal estimates that the total length of the telegraph wires (including submarine cables) of the world in use at the present time exceeds 500,000 miles. Four-fifths of the land wires are in Europe and one-fifth in America.

A novelty is announced in the shape of a "reducing and alarm" compass which, it is declared, will greatly increase the safety of vessels. The apparatus is said to be composed of a number of electric wires which are connected by electric wires.

The number of clousters and monks in Spain has increased with astounding rapidity. The number of monks in the various orders of the country is said to be about 20,000.

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