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in the wrong direction. The first requisite for the big development of railroads, is the solidly of road-bed. That the elevation of tracks on trestles can permanently guarantee that solidity is not likely. Nothing is so solid as the earth; and no means can be taken to so perfectly free the roads from the dangers either of a deteriorated road, or of interference with other uses of the surface as to sink the tracks below the surface of the earth instead of raising them above it.

The respective merits of elevated and sunken tracks can easily be studied here in Pittsburgh. We have examples of both kinds. It is no blind chance which causes the elevated tracks everywhere to be surrounded by the most unpleasant sections of the city and the sunken tracks in most cases to run through the most attractive portions. This is the natural result from the fact that elevated roads are noisy, disfiguring to adjacent property and a general nuisance; while sunken roads are less costly in the end, and permanently avoid all dangers of grade crossing or broken-down elevated structures.

It is egregiously said that "we need thoroughfares two or three stories high as much as we require lofty buildings." True enough for the great cities; but when we come to decide how the stories shall be arranged, it is no more than good sense to put the lightest traffic in the upper stories and the most ponderous weights in the basement. When we come to adopt any reform of this sort, it will be cheaper and better to put the streets above the railroads than to put the railroads over the streets.

AN INJURIOUS ECONOMY.
An investigation into the salaries of school teachers in the rural districts of Allegheny county presents some remarkable results, as set forth in a special article elsewhere. The fact that a large number of teachers in Allegheny county get salaries as low as \$30 per month, out of which they board themselves, and that the average in the city is only \$38 for male teachers and \$35 for female teachers, is not creditable to Allegheny county. Neither can it be regarded as hopeful for the best educational results.

These wages are not more than equal to what moderately good common labor can command upon the farms or in the cities. They are much below what is paid to any kind of skilled labor. It hardly is a matter for dispute that school teaching is as important and requires more skill than digging, plowing, building houses or handling iron. Yet the wages that are paid, as shown elsewhere, really give an able-bodied man less inducements than can be obtained by digging in the city streets or steady work on the farm.

Of course this is largely due to the great number of educated people who are willing to take up teaching as a temporary expedient for whatever it will bring them. But that sort of teaching does not yield the results that the public wants. The taxpayer should insist on better salaries and better teaching that can be had under any such system.

NEARLY four hundred dollars in fines paid by disorderly individuals in Allegheny yesterday, show that the art of misdirecting enthusiasm in the celebration of Washington's birthday is not a lost one. That kind of celebration was laudably absent from the American Mechanics' parade.

THE important political information that "Alger is President" Mr. Logan will be his Secretary of State and she will be the brains of the administration." is given to the nation by the Mississippi Times. This appears to be official; but it is not a severely back-handed compliment for a Presidential candidate, that he must rely on that estimable lady to furnish the most important of brains to his preservative administration?

It is satisfactory, so far as it goes, to be assured by the New York Tribune that "The Memorial Arch over the art of misdirecting enthusiasm in the celebration of Washington's birthday is not a lost one." This would be very well for New York if it were not for the appalling death of any such information with regard to the Grand Old Man of the West, so long as that work remains unfinished New York's discredit is national.

NEW YORK is rejoicing over its presumptive victory in the World's Fair matter; but if the New Yorkers had more of the Western education they might know a certain reason for restraining their vociferations until they get out of the woods.

SENATOR DOLPH'S coast defense bill providing \$25,000,000 to be expended for forts and cannon, in connection with the naval policy report in January, is a very important measure. It is estimated that it will cost \$200,000,000 for a navy, all in addition to a pension list of \$80,000,000 annually, is calculated to give foreigners a stunning idea of our construction of the motto "Millions for defense." The figures may show a few tax-payers as well.

THE women suffragists are represented as being desirous of establishing equality of wages between men and women by means of socialism. Socialism is able to change human nature only as success.

THE sale of the Chicago stockyards to an English syndicate will permit the Hon. S. W. Allison to devote the whole of his attention to the matter of the Nebraska tariff. All the time he is to devote to the task of running for the United States Senate as the farmers' candidate on the platform that lump-jaw cattle furnish a salutary and staple portion of the world's meat supply.

THE analysis of Beck's run water given elsewhere is enough to produce delirium among the Southside people without the resort to whisky which such water naturally suggests.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.
SPEAKER REED is opposed to the international copyright bill.

POSTMASTER GENERAL WARREN is selling "Fayalita for the hair."

THE Russian girl in the person of "Count Zolof," has struck Boston in a cyclonic way.

GOVERNOR WATERMAN, of California, is said to be a good farmer and a shrewd hand at a bargain, but he is a very poor politician.

HENRY WATERBURY is still a young man. He celebrated his fiftieth birthday last week. His health is good and he is a very happy man.

DR. H. M. MULLICK is a very young man. He is a graduate of the University of the City of New York, and will leave that institution at the close of the present college year.

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THE CRITIC'S REVIEW.
Chancellor M. Depew's Book—His Remarkable Versatility—How Justin McCarthy Makes History—Some Home Tracks in the Novel Lane—Thrown on the Market—A Glance at the Late Publications.

A GOOD-LOOKING book with the picture of a good-looking man on the front of it, is entitled "Orations on American Democracy," by Mr. Chancellor M. Depew. It is the author's, perhaps, it would be better to say, the orator. Mr. Glider, of the New York Critic, is the compiler and editor, and the book bears the imprint of the new Cassell Publishing Company.

THE Prince of Wales has become a very regular attendant at the sessions of the English Parliament. The fact that the Prince is so much worried about the chances of the succession in the event of his death, and wishes to make as many friends as possible.

GOVERNOR ARBETT, of New Jersey, is a great reader. He has always kept up with the meetings held to commemorate such men as Garfield and Arthur, at banquets served in honor of Stanley and Irving, before audiences of doctors, of scholars, of politicians, of Senators, and of the United States.

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OUR MAIL POUCH.
The Control of Carriage Livery—Argued That the Proposed Scheme is Illogical—Councils Considered Competent to Manage the Institution.

An attempt is being made to place the management of the Carnegie buildings in the hands of a commission composed of citizens, school controllers and Councilmen. It is proposed to entrust this commission with the expenditure of money appropriated by Council, the incurring of debts, the selection of officers and employees selected by the commission.

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A PAPER OF PAPERS.
Yesterday's 20-Page Dispatch, New and Interesting Number.

What is the use of putting ourselves to inconvenience, in order to purchase high-priced magazines and new novels, when in our own city of Pittsburgh we can obtain matter of equal value, quite as interesting and as good as any else? What is the use of expending so much money in buying these costly productions, when we can get the same material for a few cents? Take up THE DISPATCH good people, yesterday's DISPATCH for instance, and glance over its pages. Twenty pages, replete with matter, interesting in every degree, unusually extensive, and so varied that nearly every individual must find his own peculiar taste in literature gratified therein! But it is an odd saying that "good news no news."

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.
Joseph Sheets, of Germantown, Pa., is 87 years old, and is about to wed a young woman of 27.

Palmer Cox's Brownies, familiar to the readers of St. Nicholas, have been purchased by a patent medicine vendor and set to work in a new way.

A Mrs. Marshall, of Duquesne, Pa., laughed so immoderately at a joke she heard that her jaw became set, and a doctor had to break her bones to get her mouth closed.

A cat in Santa Cruz, Cal., has become so expert in climbing up the door and raising the latch to get in that the carrying of a big rat into the house is now interdicted by her performing the feat.

The Biography and Letters of Sarah Bernhardt, 1844-1886, by an old and well known military officer, is soon to appear in Paris. The book contains a preface written by a man now dead.

Runaway marriages are so common in Genoa, as an exchange reports, that many citizens deposit injunctions with the local officials forbidding the issuing of marriage licenses.

The statue of Gen. M. Beecher, which is to be placed in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, is now being cast in bronze. It is to be of colossal proportions, 9 feet high, and representing the general in the uniform of the 25th Regt. N. Y.

The Northern Asaphites of the Indian Territory are greatly excited over some mysterious appearance seen by a portion of the tribe in the Rocky Mountains. The medicine men of the Asaphites are now busy with the idea that the Christian Star has appeared to them.

The most valuable book in the world, according to the *Historical Topography*, is the Hebrew Bible, which was written by the Jews of Venice tried to buy it of Pope Julius II. for its weight in gold. It would have cost \$100,000 if the Pope had not refused to negotiate.

Mrs. Longman, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Longman, died in London recently in her 84th year. She was a member of the Society of Friends, and was a devoted friend of the cause of the oppressed. She was a member of the Society of Friends, and was a devoted friend of the cause of the oppressed.

Annals Besant, the English Socialist, who is about 60 years of age, is a tall, thin, sad-faced woman, with wavy, iron hair, the pluck of a diamond, she edits a labor paper called the *Star*; is a sister-in-law of Walter Pater, and is a member of the Society of Friends. She is a member of the Society of Friends, and is a devoted friend of the cause of the oppressed.

It is rumored that Dr. Knorr, of Germany, the discoverer of antipyrin, the great germ remedy, has made considerably over \$1,000,000 in the sale of his medicine. He is a member of the Society of Friends, and is a devoted friend of the cause of the oppressed.

A Cleveland artist says that a genuine artist is very much like a singer. He is general he says that the artist of ability does not differ in appearance from the ordinary man. He is a member of the Society of Friends, and is a devoted friend of the cause of the oppressed.

The paragraph in a New York evening paper announcing the sale of the station Ke the King at Lexington for \$10,000 caused the least inquiry on the part of horsemen as to the identity of the horse, but on the other hand it has been the cause of a great deal of speculation among telegraph operators or those who understand the Morse alphabet. "Ke" is the term used by the telegraph operators to denote the letter "K."

THE LAUGHING PHILOSOPHERS.

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