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PITTSBURGH, MONDAY, APR. 28, 1900. THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH has been removed to Corner of Smithfield and Diamond Streets.

THE EIGHT-HOUR QUESTION. The eight-hour movement, which will occupy the attention of so large a share of the industrial world during the coming week, is made the subject of a number of interviews with laboring men and employes elsewhere. The general attitude in Pittsburgh is in favor of the abstract idea of shortening the hours of labor, although there is necessarily a considerable divergence in opinions as to the practicability of the present movement. The views which have heretofore been expressed in these columns find wide acceptance; that Pittsburgh's position in this matter is that of an interested spectator while the contest is determined elsewhere. Our city is so far in advance on this subject that it can legitimately expect other cities to settle this question before taking it up here.

THE EIGHT-HOUR QUESTION. If the eight-hour movement is a success in other cities Pittsburgh will undoubtedly adopt it without unnecessary trouble. If it is not, our industries can hardly be expected to advance further in that direction than they already have done.

CLEARING HOUSE AND CENSUS. There is something well calculated to stir local pride in Pittsburgh's wonderful march upward in the list of American cities. Three years ago it passed Cincinnati in the race for the clearing house, as shown by the Clearing House reports. Then, swiftly, it overtook and left behind New Orleans and San Francisco. Next it set out to distance Baltimore; and now, and for some time past, it has had five leaders among American cities, viz.: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis. The Pittsburgh returns will soon eclipse those of St. Louis also. Last week our local business, as shown by the Clearing House reports, was nearly \$18,000,000, or three times what it was six or seven years ago, when various speculations, such as in oil and grain, which are now dormant, were rife and extensive.

THE FARMER'S PROFITS. The investigation into the condition of farming in Western Pennsylvania, made by THE DISPATCH's road expedition, touches upon a subject of vast interest and wide scope. The field is so large, and there are so many variations due to the circumstances of each special case, that the statements in to-day's letter can hardly be regarded as definite conclusions but rather as the indications of what a more exhaustive investigation might disclose. The intimation from the reports gleaned in nearly a dozen counties are that while Western Pennsylvania does not share the reported agricultural depression, the profits of farming have been considerably cut down of late years. In this, farming is not peculiar. The profits of manufacturing and business capital, except where magnified by an artificial monopoly, are not what they were several years ago. The cost of freight on agricultural labor is higher than formerly; it is clear that the reduction has been in the returns on capital engaged in agriculture like in commerce and industry. Some of the details of the complaint indicate a leak in business management. A leading trouble is the low price of cattle, on account of the competition of Western cattle, and with reasonable economy, the Western Pennsylvania farmer can earn a fair living and lay up a modest provision for old age. The classes of industry where that is not necessary for success in life are very rare.

OUT OF PROPORTION. The programme which is reported to be marked out by the leaders in the House is said to assign two days to the silver bill, and two days to the Morrill pension bill, and ten days to the tariff. By such an apportionment of time it is hoped that Congress can get through its work in time for a June adjournment. The programme looks like business, and in that view it is to be applauded; but it can hardly fail to provoke some comments by the contrast with the apportionment already made. The difference between two days for a measure that affects the standard of values for the whole nation, and about sixty days for a fight over the rules is impressive. One day for a forty million dollar pension bill is rather out of ratio with thirty or forty days spent in amending Democratic Congress and seating Republicans.

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COMPETITIVE FOOTINGS. The political debate in the House last week was a decided illustration of the characteristic vice of current politics. That is the fact that nearly all political argument which takes any definite shape at present, can be summed up by the claim of each party that the other one is worse than it is. The debate in question was little more than a mutual enlargement by each party on the corruption of the other, and neither side appeared able to appreciate the fact that the result of the competitive accusations was to lower both in the estimation of sensible and thinking people.

THE RESPECTIVE blackness of the pot and kettle may be a proper subject for discussion by an impartial and unprejudiced outsider, but when each of the party utters its invective against the other, it is not only a matter of enlarging on the dirtiness of the other, but exposing themselves to ridicule and contempt. An example of this distinction is shown in a society play now on the stage. The low-comedy hero and heroine, by an indirect combination of the elements of love-making with the smoked glass intended to view an eclipse, get the smirch from the glass first on the face of one, whence it is transferred to the other. When the other characters come in and inspect the ill-lace evidence on their faces, they have the right view of the blackened faces with superior ridicule; but when each of the blackened characters discovers only the smirch on the face of the other and begins to laugh at it, both are seen to be only bringing ridicule on themselves. That is exactly what our political lights are doing when the Republicans enlarge on the corruption of Tammany and the Democrats retort with charges on Quay and the carpet-bagger.

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The Attacks on the System Open and Undisguised—Nichols' Argument in Favor of Election of Senators by a Popular Vote—Bayard Visits the City—Meeting of Two Old cronies.

PROPOSAL of the Lovell, there is a letter recently published in THE CRITIC in which Mr. John W. Lovell's signature, in which he says referring to the completion of the great chapter of the civil service law, and that the proposed law will not be affected by this combination, unless Congress adopts the recommended advance of 80 per cent of the postage of such literature.

A GREAT ENTERPRISE. Some of the Rich Ingredients Composing The Sunday Dispatch. A man of 24 pages was a very choice literary banquet for DISPATCH readers yesterday, the feast being much more ample than usual. Everything one could wish, from the light spots of floating events, through pieces of resistance of frothing foreign and domestic news to the rich dessert of the political and literary writers, the whole embellished with artistic sketches embracing excellent likenesses and scenery from many lands. With 124 columns of rich reading matter the public at large yesterday had a rare treat in THE SUNDAY DISPATCH.

PUBLIC interest centered mainly in the local department, in which was published the only complete account of the great American Club banquet, the speeches and toasts in full, letters from those who were not present, and a diagram of the dining hall in the Seventh Avenue Hotel, indicating the seats occupied by each one present. Local politics were also dealt with in a most interesting manner, and the industrial news of the district was carefully compiled and shown to be a most interesting feature. A full resume of the local news of the week, for thought, regret or interest. THE DISPATCH readers, according to the nature of the news.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

The total catch of seals by schooners fitted out at Victoria, B. C., up to April 1 is reported at 1800.

In Victoria, B. C., no mason or stone-cutter will work on a building where Chinese help is employed.

Gedrah Rapids, Ia., has elected an alderman whose name is Pantz. It is hoped that he will not resign his seat.

Houlton, Me., merchant planted what he supposed was a penny seed, which has a crop of turnips in his garden ten inches high.

Mr. Lewis B. Hamlin, of Kanabec, Me., has a copy of a book, "Travels of a Philosopher," dated in 1857, which claims to be the first book printed in Augusta.

A year ago two Davison, Mich., men went to court over an item. The case has been decided by the Supreme Court, and the costs have been \$1000.

The Swedish Oyster-cultivation Society is trying to acclimatize American oysters from Connecticut to the Province of Balah. The young oysters seem to thrive well.

Frank Jackson, of Sampsonville, Erie county, can place his arms against a wall and reach 7 feet 11 inches. He has remarkably long arms. Jackson is six feet high. The best record on record is seven feet.

Samuel Landis, of Byron, Kent county, Mich., is 80 years old, and his wife is 72. The oldest couple in the State are the Landises. They were married in 1820, and have five children.

John B. Farwell, a compositor in the Detroit Free Press, recently published a notice of three golden wedding notices of the marriage notices of the same couples 50 years ago. After the notices were published, the notices were published.

The Congress of Americanists will be held in Paris on the 14th of October. It will last four days and discuss numerous subjects relating to America in pre-Columbian times, and its history from the discovery of the continent.

A few days ago in Wilkes county, Ga., a negro woman was sitting near the fire with a child in her lap, when she fell in a fit. Falling into the fire, she was scorched and died. The child was also scorched and died.

It is said that some genius has invented an engine which will record the exact amount of gas used in a building, and will also record the amount of gas used in a building.

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Mrs. Anna O'Brien, known as the "German Mother" of the city of Toledo, Ohio, belongs to a family of giants. She was married in Cincinnati a day or two ago. They are about 6 feet high. The bride was the widow of Patrick O'Brien, who was 7 feet high.

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