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ten blocks to the mile, he knows that No. 245 is 12.4 miles from the beginning. He has guided boards to keep him right at every turn, and on the face in front of every house he sees a number that shows him how much further he has to go. The simplicity of the plan is its best feature.

The county of Contra Costa, in California, has just adopted this system, and it will be worth while to note how it works. It will undoubtedly rob the rural districts of some of their romance. When the roads all have proper signs and the farm houses have, for instance, such picturesque phrases as "house with a tall chimney," or "the yellow barn down to Roebuck's" will go out of use. But the traveler will put up with less rural romance if he gets to his destination quickly and easily.

MANY STAY-AT-HOME VOTERS. It will puzzle some of the political soothsayers to draw an omen from the registration returns which THE DISPATCH prints today. The total number of voters registered this year in the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny and the county of Allegheny is 111,927 as compared with 114,887 for 1889. This shows a falling off of some 3,000 voters; a curious incident in a pretty hot campaign. It shows that a good many citizens do not think it worth their while to vote. An analysis of the registration develops another peculiar circumstance, namely, that apathy exists especially in Allegheny City. There are six thousand more voters registered there last year than there were last year. The registration shows an increase of nearly two thousand votes. In the rural districts likewise a slight increase is observable. But in Allegheny City so many voters did not register that the small gains in other quarters were swallowed up in the slump of six thousand. What is dispersing our brethren across the river? Has the gubernatorial contest no charm for them? Have the extraordinary features of the fight, or the Congressional nomination worried the Republicans? All that can be read in these returns with certainty is that for some cause or other politics have no attraction for a large body of citizens in Allegheny City. Partisans will twist all sorts of meanings out of this revelation. From the point of view of the dispassionate observer the falling off in the registration is a discouraging sign; the more the people exercise their right to the ballot the better. We should like to see every man who has registered in this fall. It is probable, however, that the shrinkage in registration after all will be counted in Mr. Patterson's favor.

TO ENLARGE THE EXPOSITION. The success of the Pittsburgh Exposition this year is so pronounced that the directors are compelled to contemplate expansion. The profits of this season will wipe out the Exposition Society's indebtedness. The extraordinary features of the fight, and under the prosperous circumstances there is no reason why Pittsburgh should not add to its institution which is doing so much good to the city. The suggestion to raise the money by the sale of bonds is justified in detail in another column. The results of the first two years of the Exposition's existence would incline investors to regard the bonds favorably. No doubt the money needed to enlarge the Exposition would be forthcoming, and we are heartily in favor of increasing the attractions of the Exposition by any and all means.

RUSSIA'S GREATEST CREDITORS. The Hon. William Walter Phelps is spending a part of his vacation in expounding the affairs of the Empire to which he is our accredited envoy. Mr. Phelps' tact in administering tally to the powers that be in Germany is really remarkable, but we fear that his version of history cannot in all points be termed accurate. For instance, he writes of the Prussian Emperor, that he is the result of reason and gratitude and a long standing tradition in recognition of the fact that it wasn't Prussia that made the Hohenzollerns, but Hohenzollerns who made Prussia. History in a royally revised form may make out Prussia to be in debt to her reigning family, but the flat facts are that the Hohenzollerns owe their uncommonly comfortable circumstances to the brains, bravery and statesmanship of the Prussian subjects. The rise of the German Empire and of Prussia to the proud place she holds in that empire, are not a Hohenzollern's work. If the composite account were examined by Mr. Phelps in a candid spirit he would discover that the statesman whom he has seen fit to mention has seen fit to mention, namely, Prince Bismarck, is Prussia's greatest benefactor. But it would not be good politics to mention that Mr. Phelps' prevailing astuteness to publish such a balance sheet.

THE BIG HAT CONDEMNED. The big hat nuisance at the theaters might be abated if some woman would take the first step. The voting on the question "Should the theaters remove their hats in the theater?" asked by THE DISPATCH at the Exposition yesterday clearly demonstrated that the women are as much against big hats in the play house as men. Some fair heroine to take the initiative is all that is wanted. The hats ought to go, and perhaps the expression of feminine feeling in favor of the reform will hasten its advent. The cartwheel hat has evidently hidden the play women as often as men. If the adorable fair sex would agree to doff their unbecoming headgear in the theater, we will wager that fewer men would feel bound to go out between the acts to see that man.

CITY PLANS FOR RURAL PLACES. When the millennium shall arrive, and with it perchance well-made roads, a plan for the numbering of rural roads is invented by Joseph Powell may be utilized. It is a simple matter for its adoption in a contentions spirit, for the plan is sensible and practical, and would be a great convenience to the traveler on country roads. Even in such a thickly populated county as Allegheny it is exceedingly difficult to find rural persons and places. Everybody knows how lucid and precise is the direction given to the block number, as 136A, 136B, and so on. When a stranger desires to find a certain farmhouse, all that he has to know is that the house he is after is No. 248 Laurel road, and as there are two numbers to the block, and

OUR SHORT STORIES. A CANINE BANK. THE grandfather of Mr. Owen, of the Chicago bar, who resided in the Old Dominion, was the owner of a dog whose sagacity would seem to entitle him to a place in canine history. Bruno had been trained to do the family marketing. Each day he carried to the village butcher's a basket containing his master's order and he returned to purchase meat for himself. To show off Bruno's talent his kind master often gave him pennies at other times than the marketing hour, which the dog would take and deposit in the pocket of his friend, the butcher. Owing to the frequency of these gifts, and the liberal serving of the knight of the cleaver, Bruno had accumulated a considerable sum of money. One day, however, he was taken ill and died, and his friend, the butcher, buried in the garden. There were many curs in the neighborhood, which, though lacking our hero's sagacity, were possessed of the same voracious appetites. These were not long in locating Bruno's cache and in appropriating its contents, in consequence of which he often went about the neighborhood with a very empty stomach. One day the old gentleman had been boasting to a friend of the rare gifts possessed by his dog, and gave him a penny for further proof of his sagacity. Bruno, who had been engaged in a veritable busy study, and then, to the utter discomfiture of his watching master, he slipped out of the door and, as a friend, trotted home with the penny in his mouth. The two spies hastened after the dog, and entering the garden, discovered him in the act of depositing the penny in the pocket of a neighborly dog. The old gentleman and his friend watched with eagerness of children the canine bank of deposit. Toward evening their patience was rewarded, for Bruno, who had been waiting for the penny, slipped out of the door and entered the garden, discovered him in the act of depositing the penny in the pocket of a neighborly dog. The old gentleman and his friend watched with eagerness of children the canine bank of deposit. Toward evening their patience was rewarded, for Bruno, who had been waiting for the penny, slipped out of the door and entered the garden, discovered him in the act of depositing the penny in the pocket of a neighborly dog.

CHARLES E. PROTHOR, a messenger of the United States Express Company, was accidentally killed one dark night while he was crossing the tracks of the Kansas City, Fort Worth and Memphis Railroad at Kansas City, Mo. Prothor had a companion with him that night, and at the point where the railroad crosses the street was no light, and a section of freight train was backed down on the track. Prothor was struck first, and he was simply spread all over the rails, and he was carried a distance of 60 feet. His body was found in an unrecognizable pulp, and his intestines were wound up with the wheel of the car. The unfortunate man's companion was also struck, and he was carried a distance of 100 feet. The express messenger's clothes were torn to shreds, and the contents of the pockets were scattered far and wide. When the Coroner's jury met, they learned that the express messenger had been carrying a large sum of money, and that he had been carrying it in a bag that was scattered far and wide. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict that the express messenger had been killed by the negligence of the railroad company.

JOINED IN MARRIAGE. Mr. C. W. Grauel and Miss May Leech were married in Greenville. GREENVILLE, Pa., September 25.—One of the social events of the season was the marriage at 6 o'clock this evening of Miss May Leech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Grauel, to Mr. C. W. Grauel. The ceremony took place in the M. E. church, where about 400 invited guests were present. The bride was escorted by her father, and the groom by his father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the church. The bride and groom were both dressed in white. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The wedding breakfast was served at 10 o'clock. The bride and groom will reside at the home of the bride's parents.

INTERESTING LUTHERAN PROCEEDINGS. Opening of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., September 25.—The thirty-seventh annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Pennsylvania, embracing the counties of Center, Clinton, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Union, and Snyder, began its five days' session in this place today. The convention was opened by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the church. The convention will adjourn on Saturday evening.

ALLIGATOR SENSATION. First One Ever Seen in the Upper Waters of the Ohio. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. PARKERSBURG, September 25.—An alligator, three feet long, was killed near Parkersburg, this State, a few miles above the mouth of the Ohio. It was the first one ever seen in the upper waters of the Ohio river. The alligator was found by a hunter named John Smith. The alligator was killed by a shot from a rifle. The alligator was found in a hole in the ground. The alligator was found in a hole in the ground.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Arthur J. Trace, Noted Dame, Inc., September 25.—Arthur J. Trace, Professor of Civil Engineering at Notre Dame, died at his home in South Bend, Ind., this morning. He was born in South Bend, Ind., and was a member of the faculty of Notre Dame for many years. He was a well-known and respected member of the faculty.

TOPICS OF THE DAY. Grand Graduates and Marriage and Divorce to be Voted on at the Expo. Since the opening day visitors to the Exposition have had an opportunity to vote upon a taken advantage of by thousands have done so to express their views thereon and pro con. This popular mode of gauging public opinion will be pursued by THE DISPATCH until the close of the big show. Everybody attending the Exposition is requested to cast their ballots and make such remarks as they see fit on the following questions: FIRST'S VOTING TOPIC. Should Railroad Crossings at Grade be Abolished? Open to Lady and Gentlemen Voters. SECOND'S VOTING TOPIC. Should a Uniform Marriage and Divorce Law be Urged Upon Congress? Open to Lady and Gentlemen Voters.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. THE Prohibitionists will fish for votes with a Gill-net. Iron and coal carry with them a great deal of character. Iron is tough, rough and pliable. Coal is hard, stern and gritty. Have you ever thought about their characters? The iron and coal carry with them a great deal of character. Iron is tough, rough and pliable. Coal is hard, stern and gritty. Have you ever thought about their characters? The iron and coal carry with them a great deal of character. Iron is tough, rough and pliable. Coal is hard, stern and gritty. Have you ever thought about their characters?

WEDDED AT CRAFTON. The marriage of Miss Anna Kemp to Mr. William McCintock was solemnized last evening at Crafton, Pa., by Rev. J. H. Smith. The bride and groom were both dressed in white. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the church. The bride and groom were both dressed in white. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the church.

THEY COULD NOT LIVE ON WIND. Lieutenant Governor Jones' Speech Sent in Albany, September 25.—One of the official duties of Lieutenant Governor Jones is to sign the semi-monthly pay rolls of the men employed in the construction of the Capitol. The pay roll for the month of August was signed by the Governor. The pay roll for the month of August was signed by the Governor.

TWO UNWILLING STOWAWAYS. The Fall Asleep in the Hold of a Vessel and Came Home. NEW YORK, September 25.—Two unwilling stowaways, each 14 years old, arrived yesterday on the steamship Parthian from St. Croix. They were Alexander and George, the sons of a Parthian who was lying in that port while with sugar the two lads were employed on board sewing machine.

GLANGING TO THE OLD LOVE. A Few Councils of the Mechanics Hoard From on the Change of Name. About a dozen councils of the American Association of Mechanics Hoards met last night, and as many more will cast their ballots to-night. Of those that voted last night the Council of the Southside, No. 2, of the old name, and the Southside, No. 2, of the new name, were the only ones present.

STATE POLITICAL NOTES. CHESTER NEWS (Rep.): Delamater is skipping around lively, not to simply win, but to show Maine that the Keystone State can do as well as he. The Keystone State can do as well as he. The Keystone State can do as well as he.

NO TIME LIKE THE OLD TIME. There is no time like the old time, when you and I were young. When the buds of April blossomed and the birds were singing in the trees. When the sun was shining and the wind was blowing. When the world was young and the world was new.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. —Mr. Sourbeer is the editor of a Kansas prohibition paper. —A British Minister of Health is said to be very unpopular in England. —Jay Gould claims that his whole family was skipped by the census man. —Speculators are offering Maine farmers \$5 a barrel for winter apples on the trees. —A Florida census enumerator lost half a day running down one darky and failed. —A Missouri peach has been found that measured 17 inches and weighed 174 ounces. —The Government crop report shows that the average for corn is 7.1, the lowest since 1881. —A new political party has been formed in Indiana called the People's Party. Its emblem is a pig. —Sophie France, aged 60, has sued Solomon Olcott, also aged 60, for \$2,000 for stealing a kiss. Both parties are from Akron, O. —The Salvation Army, every member of which is a volunteer, is now the largest temperance organization in the world. —A Maine journal figures that the 10,000 summer visitors left in that State this season the net sum of \$1,000,000, or at the rate of \$4 a day for each person.

—Mrs. Emma Cooper, of Joliet, Ill., keeper of a motion store, through the death of her grandparents in England, becomes heir to \$2,000,000. —A case of extraordinary longevity is reported by a correspondent. It is said that a man named Elias lives a man named Ismail, who is near to be 149 years of age. —A bird fancier of Washington, who has 20 parrots, says that the Mexican double-headed eagle is the national emblem of the world. —A woman entered an Oil City drygoods store on Wednesday and confessed to the proprietor that she had stolen a dress worth \$100. She paid for it and was freed from prison. —A report issued by the Japanese Home Department states that during the month of April last there were 80 earthquake disturbances felt on 23 days, the day on which the greatest number being the 17th, when there were 17 oscillations. —A rare and curious animal—a lizard known to science as Phrynosoma planiceps—has been received in Paris from South America. It is a lizard which has the points and when frightened it flattens itself out on the ground. —Willie Austin, a Chicago child, strayed from home a few days ago and his mother and sympathetic neighbors searched for him in vain. Willie's Newfoundland dog was then sent for and he was found. A few days ago morning asleep on the Marine Hotel lawn. —A woman was at the depot at Decatur, Ill., the other day who was on her way to Nebraska. She had 17 children with her. She had 17 children with her. She had 17 children with her.

—A Russian legend relates that when St. Joseph was sent to Egypt to save his child from the wrath of Herod, he found his shoes in great want of repair, and being aware of the excellence of leather work in Russia, sent them to Kieff to be mended. Kieff was a city of great fame for its leather work, and the shoes were mended and returned to the Holy Family. —Thomas Addison, of Fairfax county, Va., took from the hoof of an old family cow the other day, it is related, "a handsome gold finger ring, with a large green sapphire setting." He was very much surprised to find it. He was very much surprised to find it. He was very much surprised to find it.

—John A. Hawkins Post, of Washington, D. C., has been selected to be the first president of the organization, and is no other than the "Flying Yankee" who was passing through Great Falls, Me., at the rate of 40 miles an hour, he jumped from the train and was killed. —The spot where he left the train. It was thought by the few who witnessed the affair that he had been struck by a train. He was very much surprised to find it. He was very much surprised to find it. He was very much surprised to find it.

—Alexander Paul Johnstone's accurate description of a photograph was the most remarkable act he did. A gentleman in the audience selected a photograph, and Johnstone, standing in the rear of the hall pictured it in his mind. Johnstone remained on the stage and the audience described the photograph without a failure in any particular. —The audience described the photograph without a failure in any particular. —The audience described the photograph without a failure in any particular.

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