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PITTSBURGH, TUESDAY, DEC. 2, 1890.

EFFECTIVE ROAD WORK. The experiment at road-making which Superintendent Warner of the work house has just completed in Harmer township near the Hulton Ferry, is of greater value than any other way of considering the subject.

The superintendent's experiment in road-making is of value in two respects, first, as suggesting a material for macadamizing that may be much more attainable than limestone; and second, as bearing on the use of convict labor.

The experiment with regard to convict labor is even more valuable. We find it to be the case, as THE DISPATCH has often suggested, that the labor of able-bodied convicts can be employed on this work with good results, both to the men and to the public.

WHAT INTERSTATE COMMERCE CASE. The decision of the legal points involved in the case of Charles Counselman, of Chicago, who was committed by Judge Blodgett for refusing to answer the inquiry of the Grand Jury as to whether he had received any special rates or rebates from the railroads has a triple interest.

It is surprising to find our esteemed contemporary, the Philadelphia North American, jeering the Democratic organs in attacking the sugar schedule of the McKinley bill. Yet this is exactly what that ultra-protectionist journal does, under the impression that it is a Democratic paper.

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SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. There's great trouble about people who live to hear themselves talk is that they want to do all the talking. You remember the village bully, don't you? Big, scowling, boisterous, not overly tidy, wasn't he? Of course his hair was long, uncombed, black.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL SHAM. It is with deep pain that we observe in connection with the Thanksgiving season, an example of the prevalent tendency to fall away from the old standards presented by the assertion of some unscrupulous and unscrupulous persons that pumpkin pie can be made of squashes or sweet potatoes.

A BRILLIANT RECEPTION. With Cards of Invitation. A very brilliant and a very large reception—possibly the largest yet—was given by Mrs. James Laughlin, Jr., December 11. It is to be the first ostentatious affair given at the beautiful home, corner of Allegheny and Duquesne streets, since the late Mrs. W. R. Sewell.

REVERENCE FOR A PASTOR. Leads Young People of Wilkensburg to Tender Him a Reception. The pupils of St. James' R. C. School, in Wilkensburg, held holiday yesterday, in celebration of the birth of their pastor, the Rev. A. A. Lamborn, and the children presented him with a handsome surprise, a box of fancy articles and three large bouquets.

THE OPENING OF CONGRESS. New York World (Dem.): De la leaders respect the will of the people, or do they intend to ignore and endeavor to thwart it? The President's message and the course of his party in the session which opens to-day will show.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS. JAY GOULD has purchased three salt plants in Kansas. ONE of the features at an art reception given by William Ordway Partridge in Boston last week was a fine portrait bust of Edward Everett Hale.

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SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION. One of the Peculiarities of the Football Game. The College, Calvary, and modified. Quickly by Young Ladies From Pittsburgh—The News in Social Circles. Out of 600 guests at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in New York, Thanksgiving Day, 173 were 'Pittsburghers' of high social standing, and either the Fall or the winter strictly honorable over every one of them.

GLIMPSERS OF THE SOUTH. The Development and Scenery Are Pleasantly Pictured Forth. The growth of the South in the last ten years has been one of the most conspicuous features of our National life. This development is in no way better shown than by the multiplication of railroads and their combination into systems that rival those of the East in the extent of their mileage and the importance of their traffic.

ART IN PITTSBURGH. A High Compliment Paid by a Distinguished Artist to Mr. J. W. Beatty. This is high praise for a Pittsburgh artist, coming as it does from one of the foremost art critics in America, Alfred Trumble; and while it is true that Mr. Beatty's highest praise has probably come from Alfred Trumble, it is equally true that the rapid purchase of his recent work by such a distinguished artist is a high compliment.

THE APPOINTMENT PROBLEM. From the New York Commercial Advertiser. The only possible utility of a larger House lies in the presumption that the smaller the House the more likely it is to be controlled by the party in power.

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OUR MAIL POOL. The Fine Obstacles Mytical. To the Editor of the Dispatch. The circumstances you delineate as agitating the minds of certain pessimistic individuals, against a plan for prosecuting a tin plate industry, are as will be understood, perfectly fallacious, and therefore of no weight whatever, as a deterrent to progress in the business.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. The Influence of the tides is felt for 400 miles up the Amazon. The current of the river Amazon is distinctly perceptible on the ocean for more than 200 miles from shore.

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