

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN

A Number of Expressions Upon Various Subjects of Interest. ONE AGAINST THE NEW ROAD PLAN

The Appeal of a Butler County Producer to His Associates. SOME SEEKERS AFTER INFORMATION

Against the New Road Plan. To the Editor of the Dispatch: I read your recent editorial, "The New Road Plan"—it should have read "The New Road Plan," a scheme to loot the public treasury by the creation of more public officials to be maintained at public expense.

Remember, producers, there has been the enormous profit of 6 per cent for the last year in producing oil, and the poor Standard has not made more than 300 per cent in handling the stuff. The Columbia Coudit Company pipe line, the Tide Water, the Standard pipe line, the Western Atlantic pipe line, and the others, all make 300 per cent on their investments. Be slow about investing in an enterprise that you cannot clear more than from 200 to 300 per cent.

One Clergyman Criticizes Another. To the Editor of the Dispatch: When a writer's chief object is the blessing of the multitude he is often tempted to go outside the lines of fairness when criticizing people and opinions as well as usages not agreeable to his own views.

But who is the more correct so far as history bears witness to the so-called Ritualists resulting in such unholy lines. The writer is no Ritualist himself. His service is as plain as an Irishman can possibly have it and yet in keeping with the spirit of every patriotic citizen.

Allow me, Mr. Editor, to ask, in view of the fact that these same country officials are already cutting their salaries 100 per cent. What will secure the office, why the people should allow this outrage to be perpetrated.

What is the condition of the Pennsylvania oil producers? The production of the Pennsylvania oil fields, as stated by the National Transit Company, is about 4,900 barrels per day than the consumption. The stocks have been reduced from 30,000,000 barrels to less than 9,000,000 barrels.

IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Just How the People Live and Act Down in That Hot Country. MEXICO AS SHE WAS AND NOW IS.

What the Portuguese and Spanish Have Done Further South. CHILIAN WOMEN THE MOST INDOLENT

So marked and rapid has been the growth of the interest felt in this country in regard to everything connected with the sister republics of Mexico and South and Central America that a conversational article from which statistics shall be rigidly excluded may be opportune.

THE CITY OF MEXICO IN 1840. In the first six years of the "forties" no other American city could compare in gayety, or in the bravery and show of wealth with the City of Mexico, which was far more important than Paris was in France, or London to England.

A GRAND, GAY, LIVELY PEOPLE. Perfect horsemen, they caroled through the streets on their lively stallions, suited and kissed their hands to the ladies on the passes, wagged heads of dubiousness upon their favorite chickens, went from theater to concert or opera to the ball, and in the hours before dawn won or threw away a few thousand at monte in the public gambling houses.

DOWN IN SOUTH AMERICA. In South America there are a few points of interest, as Caracas, Bogota and Quito lie inland high among the mountains along the northern coast. The isthmus of Panama belongs to Colombia, but seems a place apart.

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM. Will you kindly tell me through the columns of THE DISPATCH the object and manner of election by the Australian ballot system? Would like to know the entire workings of aforesaid system.

Politics in the Dominion. To the Editor of the Dispatch: As a constant reader of your paper, would like to ask if you will be kind enough to give me some information about the political parties of Canada. Which of them would adopt legislation most favorable to this country?

Butler, Esq., Dec. 10. [Editorial comment on political matters and local news.]

STORIES OF ALASKA

Told by Captain A. M. Brown, Indian Fighter and Army Officer. THE NATIVES ARE SUPERSTITIOUS. THERMOMETERS MUST BE EXTENDED

Little is known about Alaska, except that it has an immense territory with a population of 35,000 Indians and whites and that it is very cold in the winter. The Indians are retiring and superstitious, and have little to say.

Inspector McKelvey and Special Officer Carrigan Left Last Night—The Prisoner Soon to be in the Clutches of His Pittsburg Associates. Just before the 5:20 train on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad pulled out of the depot yesterday afternoon Inspector McKelvey and Special Officer Carrigan, of the Third Police district, were seen to jump aboard.

INSIDERS LOCATED HERE. "The greatest drawback to living in Alaska are the mosquitoes. The soil is covered with a low moss in which they breed in the summer and under which they live in the winter. It is wet and they are burned off to get rid of them.

INDIANS ARE SUPERSTITIOUS. "Little is known about the country. The Indians are not posted, and I don't believe they have been very far into the interior. It is a great territory that has not been explored by white men.

THREE MEN HELD ON SUSPICION OF ROBBERY IN THE PITTSBURGH STEEL WORKS. Thomas Boggs, Frank McKenna and Frank Fisher were committed to jail, yesterday, by Alderman McKenna on charges of larceny preferred against them by Inspector of Police McAleese.

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