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SALARIES AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

A contributor, in another column, presents a series of questions to THE DISPATCH, in connection with the projects for the improvement of country roads...

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who have given the subject any thought; but it is especially valuable to have so strong and official a statement of them from a representative body of the farmers themselves.

Indeed, the wish might be expressed that the Michigan farmers could be given the power to inject the same vigorous and conservative sense into the rules of financial policy at New York and Washington.

It is a sound doctrine that so far as Government credit is concerned each industry and interest must learn to stand alone.

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there is no better way of keeping the Democrats on their guard against suicidal vagaries than the trumpeting of such prophecies over the country, a year before the Democratic House can get to work.

But there is a more cogent reason for keeping such prophecies in reserve. It is that the habit of predicting hair-raising and destructive business results from Democratic supremacy has been indulged in so often by the Republicans that it has become threadbare.

Every campaign has heard these predictions, but so far, the verification has been far below the unsatisfactory percentage yielded by the Signal Service's vaticinations.

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SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

ONLY two-story buildings escape the fire-escape edict of the powers that be.

WE like mystery, and like to solve mysteries, don't we? If we could see the veil away and get a peep beyond the grave we would read it ruthlessly and crush the life out of each other to get the first look of course.

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THREE GOOD PLAYS.

ROSA VOKES in her own Realm—The Charity Ball—Shenandoah—The Old Oaken Bucket—Variety and Curiosities.

ROSA VOKES, the greatest comedienne on the English-speaking stage to-day, appeared last night before a large audience at the Duquesne Theatre.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

DENNIS O'Day, of Oakland, Cal., was fined \$100 for wantonly cutting off a cow's tail.

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PHANTOMS OF THOUGHT.

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DEATHS OF A DAY.

FOR the first time since a serious accident befell her at Columbus, O., Miss Minnie Oscar Gray was able to appear yesterday in her well-known repertoire at this house.

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