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PITTSBURG, SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1891.

HOW TO GET UNIFORMITY.

A bill has passed the lower branch of the Legislature to create a commission for the promotion of uniformity in State legislation. It gives the proposed commission the widest scope of investigation, and contemplates that it shall act in harmony with similar provisions pending in the New York and Massachusetts Legislatures.

First as pointing to that conclusion is the fact that the task of getting all the State Legislatures in the Union to pass a uniform law on any given subject is a hopeless one. Suppose that Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania should agree upon a uniform divorce law, would not Rhode Island and Delaware continue to hold out inducements to those desirous of escaping the marital yoke?

Another telling commentary on this project of economic production and improved methods by reason of large capital, is furnished by the fact that the trusts and combines never bring any capital into the business. They simply utilize the old capital of the country, and then they run them by the old methods, so far as technical operation is concerned.

This is a startling departure from the Democratic standards of the past. To illustrate its radical subversion of old Democratic theories, it would be well to apply it to the case of numerous Democratic State governments in the South established by methods about whose legality there was a decided question.

It is to be noticed that Philadelphia Councils have passed a measure for beautifying the city by the expenditure of \$1,000,000. It is not economy to burden an industry with a fictitious capital two to four times its bona fide value; yet that is what every trust has done.

Co-operation to secure greater business economy is a good thing; and there was no restraint on it under what the Sun calls "old-fashioned business."

and upon the test of her reliability as a witness it was discovered that she was ten years old, could not read, had never seen a Bible and had never been inside a church. It is pleasant to believe that she is an exception. The fact that it creates astonishment and surprise is creditable to our civilization, but it will not do to rely too blindly on the belief that it is so exceptional that it need not give thoughtful people any concern.

The fact is that this little example of domestic heathenism represents a class, and there is reason to think that it is not a diminishing class in our large cities. It may escape observation because of its obscurity. The courts do not often summon witnesses from it, so that such an official demonstration of its ignorance like the case cited is very rare.

Of course such a condition of things falls short of the standard which society has set for itself. If the means for spreading education and morality do not reach the classes that most need them, they fail in their most important duty.

A THREEDBARE PRETENSE. Commenting on a remark that there have never been "so many combines and trusts as now," the New York Sun makes the following assertion:

Let them have only just begun to be born. The department of production or manufacture upon the plan of harmonious co-operation governing a trust, leads to a degree of economy hardly ever hoped for in ordinary business. As an opportunity, every one is to be envied. A perfect host of great novelists, poets, singers and painters may perform their labors of love for the benefit of the world. But if the Brooklynites confine themselves exclusively to the furnishing of the trusts, it has been repeated till it is a trite phrase. And yet every thorough investigation of the methods of the trusts shows that it is entirely without foundation in reason and in fact, and is simply a fiction.

THE Sudden ending yesterday of the case against the wreckers of the Bank of America and the American Insurance Company seems to have been in the nature of a surprise to the public. It was a pleasant one, however, and the public can have the satisfaction of knowing that three dishonest manipulators of other people's money will get their just dues.

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for the misfortunes of talented but unphilosophical brothers. The new society, which is called the Cheiron, after the immortal who trained and taught the sons of heroes, will go to work on the assumption that the best novels are published, the best dramas accepted, the best poems rejected, the best voices untrained, and the best pictures unhung. Claiming that the principal cause of this waste of genius is lack of opportunity, it will endeavor to secure for these writers, singers and painters a proper recognition of their works and possessions.

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HONOR FOR THE GAVEL. Criminal Censations. The Pennsylvania House has passed a bill to amend the law relating to the office of the Speaker of the House. The bill provides that the Speaker shall be elected by the House for a term of one year, and that he shall be eligible for re-election.

Three of them, Simon Snyder, Speaker in 1804 and 1807, Joseph Ritner in 1820 and William F. Packler in 1848 and 1851, were afterward elected to the office of Speaker of the House. The bill also provides that the Speaker shall be elected by the House for a term of one year, and that he shall be eligible for re-election.

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It is interesting to find it a matter of standing Wall street information that the New York Central is going to build a parallel line to the Rome, Watertown, and Ogdensburg Road. This raises the question what has become of the project of building a parallel line, and bankers, against building parallel lines, is paralleling railroads a crime when done by outsiders and a virtue when practiced by the trunk lines?

PITHY PERSONALITIES. PRINCE HENRY, the German Emperor's brother, is an expert actor.

DR. JENNIE M. LOZIER has been unanimously elected President of the Sorosis Society. Her husband, Dr. J. M. Lozier, is a prominent physician in this city.