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PITTSBURGH, FRIDAY, MAR. 12, 1891.

FIRE-PROOF CONSTRUCTION PAYS.

When \$300,000 worth of property is practically wiped out by fire in the business part of the city it is worth while thinking about the matter. Absolute exemption from liability to fire can never have, but we can establish conditions which will effectually limit its destruction.

OHIO SUPREME COURT DECISION. The interest excited by the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court that the law ousting the old Board of Public Works at Cincinnati is unconstitutional, is interest of a purely political kind, and seems to have no reference whatever to the cause of pure government.

SMOKE CAN BE CONQUERED. Andrew Carnegie is engaged in a good-natured controversy with the New York Sun regarding the extent to which the ocean steamers will be interested in the use of smokeless fuel.

SENATORS' VIEWS ON ROADS. The discussion of the road bill in the State Senate yesterday brought out very little that was new. In fact, about all that was obtained from the talk was the more or less interesting views of some Senators on paper immigration and foreign labor.

PATENT OFFICE CENTENNIAL. The approaching centennial celebration of the United States Patent Office at Washington is an event worthy of more notice than has been bestowed upon it.

memorialization of a century of American invention, other matters of interest will be advanced. A proposal to organize a permanent national association of inventors will likely be made, with the intention of bringing home to many thousands of inventors the necessity of cultivating the facilities of the Patent Office.

THE OLD CONSTITUTION WILL DO. Our esteemed contemporary, the Erie Herald, would apply Pennsylvania's share in the direct tax windfall to defraying the expenses of a new Constitutional Convention.

NEW YORK ALDERMEN WANT THE CITY TO PROVIDE BADGES FOR THEM AT A COST OF \$20 EACH. There always has been a suspicion that the New York aldermen could be easily distinguished from the common herd, that badges seem to be unnecessary.

WILD WESTERN WAYS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE ITALIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTES. Crippen threatened to "draw a gun" instead of a sublimated cigarette, Buffalo Bill's show visited Italy last year, however, and this probably accounts for the new methods of Parliamentary procedure there.

WHEN CHILDREN FIGHT they sometimes split as if by magic. When Arkansas legislators fight they throw cuspidors at each other, probably under the assumption that what they lack in quality of sense should be made up in quantity of filth.

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THE JUNKETING SCANDAL. If the outcome of the Hearst funeral scandal will be the abolition of the practice of junketing, it will be a great benefit to the public.

THE CHECK RAISER IS SAID TO BE OF A RETIRING DISPOSITION. He has retired out of sight, at all events.

THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE PROPOSES TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF PRAYER. The devil must have sneaked in there on the November tidal wave.

THE BATHING ALONG THE SHORE. The bathers always have to carry their own trunks.

THE FIRE MACHINES SHOULD GROW WITH THE BUILDING. The better for policy holders and policy payers.

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