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no such compulsion. The law does not call upon any man to be a corporate director, but it does require him to discharge the duties of direction when he undertakes them. The fact is that the policy of having corporations is opposed to the policy of the law.

THE COKE SITUATION. The situation in the coke trade, as outlined in another column, reflects that in the iron trade and is dependent on it. It has already become manifest that there must be a readjustment in the cost of materials for iron production, in order to stimulate demand by lowering prices, as well as to retain the control of the market for Western Pennsylvania.

Under such a condition of affairs it was peculiarly ill-judged for the coke-workers to inaugurate a strike for higher wages; and we can hardly blame the iron and coke operators if they see in this mistake of the workers the opportunity for suspending production until the supply is reduced, the demand improved, and prices readjusted on a basis which will ensure future activity.

Under the treaties with the King of Italy this Government guarantees to Italian subjects sojourning in this country protection to person and property, subject to the same legal and judicial powers as citizens of the United States. Treaty obligations are made the supreme law of the land by the Constitution.

CONGRESSIONAL CLAIM AGENTS. Congressman Jerry Simpson, erroneously alleged to be a dissembler, has an early and promising discovery that the main function assigned to Congressmen by the practical politics of the day, is not to legislate. He objects to being "the errand boy of the people," and declares: "This thing of making a claim agent out of a Congressman must be stopped."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE. KELLY, the motor man, is 33 years old. DEPTT This is on his way to visit his bride-placed Arab. He is the son of a half-breed Arab and his mother was a full-blooded negro slave.

NEED OF RIVER REGULATION. The floods which were experienced in this section last month reached the lower Mississippi last week, and produced the usual demonstration of danger to the low-lying districts that are only protected from inundation by levees.

SHOULD DIRECTORS DIRECT? The question which was discussed with so much interest at the time of an epidemic of bank failures several years ago, "Do directors direct?" receives a new light from the active efforts which Mr. Depew is making, in connection with that New York tunnel disaster, to convince the public not only that directors do not direct, but that they ought not to be expected to direct, because they cannot do so.

WOMEN HEALTH INSPECTORS. They Have Police Power and Do Some Very Business Woman's Work. Chicago has five women health inspectors; Mrs. Byron Leonard, daughter of the late Dr. Byford, Mrs. Clara M. Donahue, Mrs. Marie Owens, Mrs. Mary Glennon and Dr. Rachel Leonard. They are to be appointed as assistants to gentlemen for the same work.

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SELECTED ODDITIES. Two Modifications of Sea-Serpent Yarn.—How Lovens Find Their Allies.—The Counting of the Money.—An Artificially Inflated Cuba's Debt.

ANTICS OF THE RED ANT. How the Little Creatures Managed to Bridge the Molasses. Rocky Mountain News.

Some Revelations From Swedenborg. A good friend of mine brought me, not long ago, a volume of the theological writings of the Swedish mystic, Emanuel Swedenborg.

THE CHARGES WERE FALSE. Rev. T. E. Gallagher, of the Washington Conference, Acquitted by His Brethren. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

THE FIGHT NARROWING DOWN. Developments of the Day in the California Senatorial Contest. SACRAMENTO, March 15.—There were no outward developments in the Senatorial contest Saturday, beyond the fact that Estee had gained one vote, while De Young and Feltlow lost one.

Count Tolstoy a Fealist. Well, how you count Tolstoy says now about the iniquities of our generation—about the cause of them? Count Tolstoy has been for some time upon the pulp platform of the world preaching his "in various ways, that things in general are not as they should be."

Smoking Damaging to the Mind. This, however, is not the last note of this counterblast. I was surprised the other day in this Monday Meditation when an editor's notation damages the mind still more. Some minds are stagnated, others are stimulated—unduly.

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