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PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, MAR. 17, 1901.

THE STREET MIDDLE.

The Supreme Court wipes out the street acts of 1887 and 1888 in toto, and directs the city of Pittsburg to straighten up matters and start again with a clean sheet. This is a brief summary of the weighty opinion in the text cases handed down yesterday.

While the Court plainly points out that legislation can be passed by which work to be done in the future may be carried on, we are unable to find in the ruling any escape from the conclusion that all the street and sewer improvements lately finished or in process of completion must be paid for by the general taxes.

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For the present it is plain that the public must make up its mind to a decided enlargement of the general tax levy. This burden may be somewhat alleviated by a radical cutting down of other lines of expenditure that have been proposed, and which must wait until the fiscal course of the city is made clear.

OPINIONS OF JUDGE LYNCH. The members of New Orleans are seized upon by the foreign press for scornful comment upon American pretensions of sound and safe government, of liberty and protection to the citizen intermingled. The worst of it is there would be a basis of truth for these comments if the opinion of the whole country were to be formed on what has happened at New Orleans.

CONFUSION ON THE CURRENCY. The discussion on coinage and currency questions leads even the advocates of a sound system into some remarkable assertions. An example is presented by the esteemed Philadelphia Ledger, in an article on the effect of a depreciated currency on the people of Kansas, as follows:

PERHAPS the late announcements that President Harrison will be the Republican candidate in 1904, by the logic of circumstances, are founded on the conviction that the Kansas M. Depew boom on the car-trove platform is impossible.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Martha S. Phelps died yesterday morning at 10:30. She was 74 years of age. She was born in New York City. Her husband, James Phelps, died in 1887. She is survived by her son, James Phelps, and her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Phelps.

good deal of reflection, but there is no consideration of which it can be justified at this stage of the nineteenth century.

THE ANTHRACITE COAL CASE. The recent carefully prepared ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission on anthracite coal rates marks an interesting stage in the progress of railroad regulation.

THE CASE TURNED ON THAT regular device of the anthracite companies, in which the usual operation of railway discrimination is reversed. The device is that of each rail company operating at its own cost coal mines which furnish a large share of its traffic.

THE TRUSTS OF THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY meet today to choose a Chancellor. It will consist of the trustees of the university, and the trustees of the various departments.

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and contrary to well established experience. It is a practical assertion that if the nation should make the change of fixing the dollar at what is now eighty cents, one class of goods, worth eighty cents now, would be worth the new dollar which is only a nominal change of value, while another class would not rise with the change in the standard or would really suffer depreciation in actual value.

ALL such assertions are dogmatic assertions. If silver coinage should put gold to a premium of 20 per cent, all the operations of exchange will adjust themselves to the new standard. The amount of labor necessary to produce one dollar will be \$1.20, but there will be no gain in the purchasing power of the \$1.20 will be exactly what the dollar was before.

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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS. Various Ideas Entertained About the New Orleans Tragedy—Just Indignation—No Man's Life is Safe—Not Who Is Blame?

THE respectable citizens of New Orleans who on Saturday night did the person accused of the murder of Chief Hennessy have need to do a good deal of serious thinking.

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GLARE OF THE FOOTLIGHTS. The Bridge Scene Attracts Attention at the Bijou-Minnie Palmer and Her Locomotive at the Duquesne—The Light Fantastic at the Grand.

THE drawbridge scene in "Money Mad" is a clever bit of mechanical work. The bridge is swung diagonally across the stage, and really appears what it is supposed to be. It swings toward the audience to let a large steamer pass, and is then turned the other way to allow a boat to go to stream.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. —By City, Mich., is now clamoring for a freeway.

—Denver is a mile higher than the Mississippi valley.

—A Georgia woman caught 33 rats in a trap in one day.

—The largest public park in the world is the Yellowstone.

—The word Manitoba should be accented on the last syllable.

—The highest altitude ever reached by a balloon was seven miles.

—Petroleum has been found exuding from a stream in Oklahoma.

—A Michiganist mistook strychnine for smoking tobacco. He recovered, however.

—Indian elephants cannot live in Central Africa because of a larger and more hardy species.

—In Great Britain there is one elector to about six of the population; in Belgium only one to about 46.

—The Kongo river is 15 miles wide in some places. Steamers often pass each other, but out of sight.

—The greatest ocean depth ever found by measurement was in the Atlantic near Puerto Rico, 25,000 feet.

—A man at Athens, Ga., owns an antiquity in the form of a water bucket, hewn out of the solid rock.

—A Kansas farmer who announced that he had discovered a new kind of chinch bug, was told that the insect was the same as the one that had been known for years.

—The water county in the United States is Monroe county, Florida. It is chiefly composed of small islands, or keys.