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THE ROAD BILL'S PASSAGE. The passage of the road bill yesterday was a peculiar illustration of the influences which control legislation.

With the political and personal divisions of opinion concerning this measure it is difficult to see how it could have been so readily passed.

Without such guarantees the bill would be an utter waste of public money. The general impression is that the bill as passed contains no such provisions.

At all events, if the bill does not contain provisions that will require better methods of construction where State funds are expended, it will give the Governor an opportunity to use the veto power that he is not likely to overlook.

By the final passage of the Judicial bill, and its undoubted sanction by the Governor, Allegheny county will get its badly needed new Court.

With two more appointments as satisfactory as Mr. Brown's, if it occurs, is sure to be the Governor's tickets for the new Bench would very certainly be re-nominated and ratified at the polls later on.

The bills now go to the Governor. If they run that gauntlet they should be promptly subjected to a veto before they are passed.

There is interest, if not instruction, in the activity and unanimity with which the Philadelphia papers are urging the bill pending in the Legislature to abolish central school boards and concentrate control of the schools in a central board or department of education.

If this impetus of the politics of Lancaster is a falsehood it should be exposed as such by unmistakable proof as a vindication of that Republican county. If it is true, the men who were engaged in corrupting the people and defiling the bench should be shown in their true light and subjected to the penalty of losing political influence for the rest of their lives.

It is answered to the assertion of the Standard of Governor-Senator Hill, that he is drawing a salary from the United States, the Philadelphia Inquirer very cogently says: "The money is plump, and it is his own money."

Another journal asserts that the local boards "quarrel over the scrub women, the janitors and the patronage," while "some of the wards are well supplied with schools others cannot accommodate all the children owing to the senseless system of subordinating education to ward and precinct politics."

The President tells the Californians that their cordiality is more exhorting than their wiles. This case has a doubt upon the ability of the California wiles at that New York banquet to produce the enthused condition reported of the closing ceremonies that we are compelled to believe the native leverages supplied on that occasion were the potent but democratic sort contributed by Kentucky.

THERE was a great to-do a few years ago about the possession of the Caroline Islands, when Pope Leo awarded them to Spain in consideration of a victory for that Government.

But subsequent events justify a doubt whether Spain did not capture a white elephant. The islands have been in a state of chronic rebellion at one time, defeated the Spanish garrison at another, and have since been in a state of chronic rebellion.

However, the Philadelphia opinion is very strongly to the effect that the schools will be improved by centralizing their control. But if that is so in Philadelphia why should it not be true in Pittsburgh?

What is the logic of enacting one sort of school law for one city and leaving another under a regime practically condemned by the new policy?

DISORDERLY CORPORATIONS. The row which took place in Braddock last Monday night over the possession of a street by rival street railway companies is a typical illustration of one of the evils of the time.

Fortunately, no lives were lost, as has been the case in some of the petty wars carried on in the past between railroads and natural gas companies.

Two street railways claimed the right to occupy a certain portion of the street, on which one had already laid its track. It ought not to be difficult to have the question of it decided by peaceable and legal means.

There is nothing unusual in the Braddock illustration of this method of carrying the corporate will of arms. Indeed, it was rather mild case of the not uncommon corporate warfare.

But what reason have the men who control the corporations to expect that laboring men will conduct their disputes with strict respect for order, when the corporate favorites of legislation deliberately take the law in their hands?

How can the law punish ignorant Poles for attacking and injuring coal works when organized capital does practically the same thing by tearing up the property of their rivals, and go entirely unpunished?

If it is to be a government by law, it should be prepared to place its hands over the law in the same manner as it does in the case of disorder as representatives of capital should be made the first examples.

THE cold winds and clouds of dust during the past few days justify a suspicion that May has made a mistake in the calendar and imagines it is March.

It is related that McHale, the author of the anti-light bill in Pennsylvania, has had his life made miserable lately by the receipt of anonymous missives, presents bearing the shapes of his attacked and chromos and lithographs without number.

ANOTHER BLOW AT BRIGGS.

Pittsburg Presbytery Overrules the General Assembly in the Matter—Asked to Withhold its Approval—Regular Routine Observed.

Dr. Briggs' appeal, heard before another blow yesterday from the Pittsburgh Presbytery. The session of that body was held at the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, East End, yesterday.

The main feature was the passage of a resolution asking the General Assembly to withhold its approval of the appointment of Dr. Briggs to the chair of Biblical theology in the Union Theological Seminary.

The resolution was introduced by Rev. Dr. D. D. McKelvey, of this city, and was adopted by a vote of 100 to 75.

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THE TICKETS FOR 1892.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

What is said to be a pure white eagle has been captured in Illinois. The first complete translation of the Bible into English was effected by John Wycliff in 1380.

Between 1535 and 1539 four separate versions of the Bible were put before King's eyes. In the old Roman days the feet of the bride and bridegroom were washed after the wedding ceremony.

The reformer of Italy forbids girls to marry under 18, but most of them feel the force of the law at 12. In the West Indies fireflies are caught in dark rooms and used as lamps by which the captors find the match box.

Within the Antarctic circle there has never been found a few dozen plants. In the Arctic regions there are 752 different species of flowers. A lady naturalist has demonstrated that moles are not entirely carnivorous by starting one until it ate oatmeal, on which it fed as well as on worms.

A New York man, who had been kicked by a horse and slightly injured, sued the owner of the animal for \$50,000, and recovered a verdict of \$5,000. Mathew, who has been studying civilized lands, finds that it pertains exclusively to civilized countries, and increases in accordance with the degree of civilization.

The first French settlers who landed at Montreal caught a quantity of fire-drakes and tried them in stinging ferocious before the altar where the blessed sacrament was being celebrated. In Winnipeg they ask \$20 a foot less for a corner lot than for an inside one, because it costs more to dig the snow in winter under corner lots than people don't prefer them.

For the first time in years the doors of the Pitt County, N. C. jail were left wide open last night. The clear air was so fresh that there had expired and there were no new arrivals. England is exporting butter from New Zealand. The butter is found to keep in perfectly safe if packed in quantities of 50 pounds and upward, and kept at a temperature not greater than 45°.

A labor editor was fined recently for publishing the list of workmen killed in a mine disaster elsewhere of the amount distributed as dividends among the owners of the mine. When a piece of ice taken in July from an icehouse filled the previous December melted a fish was found swimming merrily about in the water. A correspondent of Nature found a man who had been carrying a large quantity of grapes to make 160 gallons of wine.

In some parts of Cornwall it is considered a disgrace for a man to keep in his house between Christmas and New Year's Day, the superstitious believing that if a wash-tub taken inside some of the family will be put away. A man living in a Lowell, Mass., barrack last week, bought 25 cents worth of cigars and offered a \$100 bill in payment. He was somewhat taken aback when the cashier kept the bill and counted out for change \$97.70 in silver.

French scientists are puzzling over a spider which has been found to keep in its web. It is estimated that the stone was made 4,000 years ago. This notwithstanding, however, the spider is quite lively and very youthful in its appearance. There is a horse on a farm in South Dakota which has eight feet; otherwise it is perfectly formed in every respect. Not until the spider was taken to the State University in the shoulder to the foot is there any difference between this horse and any other.

The deepest well in the world is so drilled near Lawrence, W. Va., by the State University. The well was drilled for the purpose of scientific investigation. The State will drill to the depth of a mile, and then the average country would be about 300 square miles as far down as possible. A prisoner escaped from the Brownstown, Ind., jail by cutting a hole through the wall. He was seen by a guard, but he returned to jail. He was not missed by the guard until he re-entered by the hole through which he escaped.

The humps of camels are mere lumps of fat, and not provided for in the framework of the skeleton. The humps are not connected with the humps are full and plump. On a long journey where food is scarce the humps of camels are used as a store of fat. The humps of camels are used as a store of fat. The humps of camels are used as a store of fat.

There are about 2,800 counties in the Union, with an average size of about 1,000 square miles; but this average is enormously exceeded in some instances. In one county the population is 100,000. In another the population is 10,000. In another the population is 1,000. In another the population is 100. In another the population is 10. In another the population is 1.

The other will transmit speech as well as horse-power. The phonograph shows that it is possible to talk along a beam of light. The phonograph shows that it is possible to talk along a beam of light. The phonograph shows that it is possible to talk along a beam of light.

Question—They tell me that Baffin, your baseball friend, has concluded to adopt the minority as a profession. Answer—He ought to be able to preach a sermon that would please the masses. Question—What makes you think of that? Answer—Because such a famous "heretic" as Baffin rarely wastes, but sometimes she does. "What makes you think of that?" "Look at the elegant, for instance. Two balls, practically, and yet with a hide absolutely imperious to flies."—New York Sun.

"Did you ever meet a real pirate?" asked the young lady. "Yes," replied the old man, "once on the coast of Maine." "And did he live on a steep painted hill?" "No. He kept a summer hotel."—New York Recorder.

"How are you getting along with your new clock?" "Is he a good man?" "Clamlike—He works like a charm. Did you ever see a charm work?" "Hardly ever." "Clamlike—Well, that's him—America." "Guns that will shoot five miles have been invented. We mention this fact only to emphasize the fact that we have a stock of arms in all their contributions by mail."—Texas Monthly.

"Hunk Bill," said the old stuffer, "was a very wicked man," said a bystander. "Worse than that," said the old stuffer. "How could that be?" asked the old stuffer. "How could that be?" asked the old stuffer. "How could that be?" asked the old stuffer.

Mr. Brown—And what are you going to do with that clock? "I will make a wreath while we were engaged—Burglar's Weekly. A young lawyer in Springfield, Mo., took an appeal from a justice because the justice was suffering from a nervous attack of rage when he refused to give a decision."—Kansas City Star.