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A TRULY MESSAGE.

Mayor Gourley's message deals almost exclusively with the subject of city taxation and finance. It makes suggestions which commend themselves with peculiar force to the popular judgment, and which Councils should take into careful consideration.

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Indian Territory was plainly due to the grossest carelessness; and it is safe to venture a prediction that the case at Shamokin will, when investigated, show a similar neglect of some obvious and well-established precaution.

It thus appears that the greatest difficulty to be overcome is not the dangers of mining, but the carelessness and indifference of those engaged in it.

The support of both a State and national appropriation for the World's Fair is the first example of this sort, and it is followed by recommendations for the improvement of country roads and for the protection of railway employees—both live topics all over the country.

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that like most new converts, he will show the sincerity of his conversion by his zeal.

JERRY SIMPSON's accusation that the crop returns of the Board of Agriculture are used for the purposes of speculators, before coming into the hands of the tillers, is a serious one.

It is a relief to hear that the troubles in Southern Pennsylvania are nearly at an end. That an attempt should be made to prove the insanity of Judge Botkin is a great surprise.

REPUBLICAN leaders and organs are jubilant over the failure and lack of harmony in the Democratic House. They remember that they ran the House once; and misery loves company.

THE decision of the United States Court at Boston with regard to duties on goat hair points very clearly to the necessity that the intentions of Congress should be expressed by the literal meaning of the words used.

THE report that Joseph B. Foraker has substituted a large-sized Presidential seal in his bouquet for the late Senatorial one is probably a gross misrepresentation as to the size of the seal.

THE discovery of the source of the Nile has hitherto been the source of many mistaken claims, but it really seems that Emin Pasha has gotten to the root of the matter at last.

ST. PAUL is not the only city that wants a weather maker. It is more plentiful there than in its northern neighbor, Minneapolis.

LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Speaker Crisp's condition is so far improved that his absence from the majority of the Committee on Rules will be a relief to the members of the House.

FUNERAL services over the remains of Admiral Sir John Fisher were held this morning at St. John's Episcopal Church. They were conducted by the rector, Dr. Douglas.

"REQUISICUM IN PACE" was the parting remark of Justice Brewer to-day when he dismissed from further attention of the court the case of the United States versus the Detroit and St. Joseph Navigation and Warehouse Company.

"STEVIE" ELKINS is a much-talked about man since he went into the office. Here's a bit of gossip about his West Virginia palce. The Elkins mansion, in the beautiful little town of Elkins, is a magnificent structure.

THE hearing of the Chicago Anarchist cases of Fielden and Schwab was postponed to-day on motion of the Attorney General of Illinois and with the consent of General Benjamin F. Butler, who was in court, until next Monday.

THE House Committee on Appropriations to-day referred to the sub-committee on the subject of the proposed canal through Iowa for an investigation into the progress and management of the World's Columbian Exposition.

THE Society of the Daughters of the Revolution have decided to give an exhibit at the World's Fair of the manners, customs and domestic life of the revolutionary or colonial period.

THE little devil cannot be clubbed to death perhaps he can be muzzled.—Mitsouke Sentinel.

TO ATTACK THEM IS TO ATTACK THE LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE. An organization called "The Law and Order Society" has been organized in Pittsburgh, Pa., to suppress the publication of the Sunday newspapers.

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AMONG THE BEAU MONDE. Third Dance of Monday Evening Series at the Pittsburgh Club—Arrangements for a Coming Opening Reception—Various Functions Noted and Polite Remarks.

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CURIOS COULDERS. —It takes more than 100 bees to weigh an ounce. —The ether is growing scarce even in the extreme Northwest. —An acre of pasture land contains on an average 36,000 worms.

—A Texan pony found the watch which his master had lost and brought it to him in his mouth. —In a Ventura county, California, there is a smelter spring and the water in the morning and cool in the heat of the day.

—Recently at Amador, Cal., a block of marble weighing 100 tons was quarried and cut up into columns for a new theater. —A French scientist declares that the domestic pets of the world carry at least 99 per cent of common contagious diseases from house to house.

—The flora of the east coast of Florida contains many species from the West Indies, which have been brought by the equatorial current, and the Gulf Stream into the Gulf of Mexico and around by the Gulf Stream. —Some fishes have horns which are actually outgrowths of bone on their heads. The horns of the Caribbean Sea into the warm waters of the globe—a little fellow six or eight inches long—has horns an inch in length.

—From the small island of St. Kilda, off Scotland, 30,000 young gannets and an immense number of eggs are annually collected; and although this bird lays only one egg per year, and four years in attaining maturity, its numbers do not diminish. —A hole 1-300 of an inch in diameter has been discovered remarkable, but nowadays jewels with holes much smaller in diameter are required for several purposes. They are inserted in plates for drawing wire and fiber, and are used in electrical, mathematical and nautical instruments.

—There is a species of crow in India which assembles in flocks of about 30 or 35 in the recesses of forests, and whose note so exactly resembles the human voice in loud laughing that a person ignorant of the real cause would fancy that a very merry party was close at hand. —There are in the world 147 educational institutions called universities. The largest is in Paris, with 2,315 students; the next in Vienna with 2,200; the third in Berlin with 2,517. The smallest is a branch of Durham University, Froun Bay College, in Sierra Leone, with 100 students and five professors.

—A horse 1-200 of an inch in diameter has been discovered remarkable, but nowadays jewels with holes much smaller in diameter are required for several purposes. They are inserted in plates for drawing wire and fiber, and are used in electrical, mathematical and nautical instruments. —The echo at the Eagle's Nest on the banks of the Rhine is renowned for its repetition of a single call, which seems to be repeated by a hundred instruments, until it gradually dies away in the air. At the report of a cannon, the mountain peaks seem to vibrate from the rock and die in seemingly endless peals along the distant mountains.

—The official report shows that 800 people committed suicide in Paris during the past year, 245 of whom hanged themselves, 395 were drowned, 164 suffocated, 138 shot, 65 jumped from the tops of buildings, 25 were killed by lightning, 15 by falling from the sky, 15 by methods miscellaneous. Among the drowned were 100 window jumpers; the majority were women. —Behind the temple at Beni Hassan granite pits have been found containing multitudes of cat mummies. The cat was regarded as an emblem of divinity, its even being supposed to vary in color according to the position of the luminary through the heavens. Likewise its even were believed to undergo a cycle of changes, and the color of the cat was the best was also sacred to the moon. —Four years ago no white man was permitted to enter Matabeland without a special permit from the King, and missionaries were forbidden to enter the country if they valued their lives. Lobengulani has just made a new treaty with the British South Africa Company by which he relieves them from all restrictions in relation to Mashonaland, and gives them all the powers and privileges they require. The company now controls 400,000 square miles in Matabeland and Mashonaland. —The present extent of the Vatican is enormous, the number of rooms, at the lowest computation, being 4,425. Its treasures of marble, bronzes, ancient paintings, tapestries, books, manuscripts, etc., are to be compared only with those in the British Museum. The length of the Vatican is 1,700 feet, and its width 1,000 feet. The gold contained in the medals, crosses, chains, etc., is estimated to be worth in the Vatican more gold than the whole of the present European currency. —When all the particulars of the census are out it will probably be found that there are nearly 20,000 women in the United Kingdom who earn their living by nursing. The number seems enormous, yet becomes comprehensible when we know that each nursing staff of the largest hospital in London numbers 250, and that the nursing staff of the seven largest hospitals in London numbers 1,400. And there are 123 hospitals in London, besides the numerous institutions which supply private nursing, of which several employ over 100 women. —The really famous fan painters of Europe are Albert, Chesneville, Houghton, Eugene Cieri and Lassalle. Albert is a painter of miniature, ancient scenes, and his work on fans. His figures have a remarkable beauty of finish. Chesneville is strong in costumes. He delights in depicting the most famous scenes of the past, and his work is noticeable for delicate finish. Cieri is almost alone in painting Alpine scenes. He will depict the entire range of the Alps, and his work is noticeable for delicate finish. Lassalle is nearly the same order that they have been mentioned in the preceding paragraph. He is somewhat the younger of the two and is just home from school. —People are saying that it's a pity there is no popular gallery at the Pittsburgh Club Theater similar to that in the Duquesne Assembly rooms. There are so many people who do not wish to leave their homes, or even to do so at all, who would enjoy such a convenience. The foyer answers the purpose, but it is by no means equal to the other. —In Vienna there is a club of rich men pledged to marry poor girls. If a member is rich and he is engaged to a poor girl, he is to be married. He is to be married to a poor girl, and he is to be married to a poor girl. —The Muesonyne Club, of Allegheny, gives a horse entertainment at the home of Miss Young, who is one of its members. Miss Adelaide Lark, one of the most popular members of the club and zone East End dramatic Club, will support one of the characters. —The engagement of Miss Himes to Robert G. Mattern, announced in the early winter, culminated in a wedding in February, which will take place at the home of the bride in Edgewoodville on the 16th of the month. —There is talk of the fortnightly euclyps being re-established in the Pittsburgh Club. They are now held in the Duquesne Assembly rooms, and are successful forms of entertainment, and it is thought that they would be successful if they were held in the Pittsburgh Club. —Miss KATE E. EMPFIELD, of Indiana, Pa., is the guest this week, of her cousin, Mrs. Porter E. Calhoun, of Fifth avenue, Oakland, Ky. —Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. New for a dinner at the Pittsburgh Club on Friday evening. —Miss A. E. W. PAINTER has been confined to bed several weeks with a severe attack of the grip. —Miss JESSIE LOUGH, of Western avenue, is visiting at her former home in Marion, Ind. —The Misses Lewis, of Hazelwood, gave a sleigh party on Saturday evening. —To-day Miss Blanche Playford will be married to Mr. Edgar C. Boyle. —A LEAFY party entertained by Mrs. Chapman on Friday evening. —Misses FARRER, of Craig street, give a dance on Thursday night. —The Linhoff-Graff wedding this evening. —Benevolent Not Married by the Mayor. —CINCINNATI, Jan. 11.—A few days ago it was announced that Aubrey Bonoucaut and Miss Amy Bushley, theatrical people, would be married by Rev. Dr. Chas. C. Johnson, of Cincinnati, on Saturday evening. —The Mayor or informed that he was without the powers of a civil magistrate, so the couple were married by Rev. Dr. Chas. C. Johnson, of Cincinnati, on Saturday evening. —GRACE EPISCOPAL Church, who performed the ceremony. —THE BOOM NEEDS NO PEPIN. —New York Advertiser. —Anyhow Mr. Blaine's Presidential boom needs no pepin.