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THE G. A. R. MEETING.

The meeting of the Department of the G. A. R. for the State of Pennsylvania in this city to-day is another of those reunions which increase in interest as the order advances in years.

The meetings of the Grand Army are surrounded with increased sentiment from a fact which every gathering makes more sadly evident—that age is steadily increasing its inroads on the ranks of the veterans.

The members of the Grand Army may die, but their united deeds cannot. No sentiment can be too exalted and no welcome too warm for their annual assemblages while they live.

A DESIRABLE CHANGE. There is evidence of progress in the action of the Republicans of the Twenty-fourth Congressional district in abolishing the antiquated conference system and substituting a district convention.

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must not permit even the appearance of partiality suggested by the report that he had been examining into the Valley transaction long before, and of his own motion, while he declined to take notice of the anthracite combination except on complaint of some outside party.

This intimation that the administration can permit to one corporation what it denies to another requires prompt denial. It is not living up to the standard set by Governor Pattison's first administration to suppose that it makes any difference what corporation trespasses on the Constitution.

The platform which gave the Governor's first term its strength before the people was that the Constitution was supreme over all corporations alike. The best refutation of such an imputation of partiality as is contained in the representation of our contemporary is to be given by prompt action in connection with the Reading deal.

It is gratifying to hope that this disproof is to be found in the latest report from Harrisburg that the Attorney General will take such action.

ALL HUMBUGS BUT ONE. The industrial conference in session at St. Louis, while ostensibly hesitating whether it shall take a plunge into the third party movement, really develops the qualities which have already brought that party to the stage of decadence.

That is, the enthusiastic union of all the dissimilar elements, and the incorporation in one anomalous whole of all their incongruous and impracticable ideas.

It is not to be denied that a union of the agricultural and labor elements against the evils of legislation and administration which react unfavorably on both interests is feasible.

It is one respect, however, the conference must be credited with stopping short of the climax of inconsistency. It is reported to be unable to swallow the Stanford humbug.

DEMOGOGUERY ON SILVER. The demagoguery of the Hill Democracy on the silver question is revealed by the platform of the New York Convention, and the deliverances of Hill himself, to a degree which surpasses the limits of effrontery.

The Albany gathering was used as the opportunity for putting out denunciations of the silver legislation of 1890 and for looking to "the permanent reduction of every American dollar by 30 per cent."

It is true that this is an ultimate danger of our present coinage laws, and by attacking that point of weakness and repeating the clap-trap of the opposition to "the coinage of any silver dollar which is not of the intrinsic value of every other dollar," a distinct effort is made to catch the vote of the Eastern States.

At the same time Senator Hill indulges in his old pratings of "free bi-metallic coinage from 1792 to 1873," thus holding out to the free silver men of the South and West the profession of support to their views.

He deliberately repeats the performance of his Elmirra speech in joining the incongruous and irreconcilable utterances which were then used to represent him in the East as opposed to the Bland style of free coinage and in the South as supporting it.

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THE Reading deal must not be confounded with the attempted New York train robbery. The difference in the size of the two events should prevent a mistake of that kind, notwithstanding their resemblance in audacity.

It is to be hoped that, in his quotation from Newman's hymn, Hill put a strong emphasis on the "kindly" and delivered the word "light" in a plaintive tone. The light, however, is the lurid light of his own ambition, and it must be a great beam to exercise so all-powerful an influence on his action.

CLEVELAND's speech at An Arbor had two great advantages. It contained sound advice to Americans of all parties, and it was especially addressed to the youth of the country, on whom its future will depend.

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LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS.

Important Decisions by the Interstate Commerce Commission—Aid in Several Ways Proposed for the World's Fair—Drawback on Imported Tin and Salt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day announced its decision in two cases, in one of which it has granted a drawback on the case of William H. Harvey against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, involving the giving of free passes and free transportation, and the commission decided that the action of the defendant in granting to the members of the City Council of New Orleans and the clerk of that body, on account of their official position, free transportation as passengers over certain portions of the interstate lines, violates the act to regulate commerce and is unlawful.

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FITFUL FLAMES.

A Startling Meteor That Worked Dire Results in Montana.

HELENA, MONT., Feb. 23.—A special from Hamilton, Missoula county, tells of great excitement caused by the fall of a meteor which drove itself 100 feet into the earth, and protruded 100 feet in the air, and is still splintering in fragments, the usual gaseous sulphurous gases that impregnate the air for miles around.

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FLORAL ACCESSORIES.

Supplied to the Young Women and Far Between This Season—Togs in Which Jennies Miller Believes the Baby Should be Dressed.

THIS winter's particular impetuosity of her young admirers, who are usually well-to-do, has killed the trade in bouquets. It is well known to be true that the young woman of the period has been defrauded largely of her opportunities by being scantily supplied with the floral accessories which time-honored custom and the poets delude belong to her toilette.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

—Peaches from the Cape of Good Hope are now being sold in London.

—More butter per head is used in England than in any other country. There are 10 pounds per head per annum; in France four pounds, Holland six pounds, Italy one pound.

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