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perience how much the saving overbalances the cost. The proposed road exhibit at the World's Fair will be a great object lesson; but the most complete conviction is secured by proposing in each agricultural section a mile or two of good road at a cost which will permit its extension all over the country.

THE BAKER LAW ALL RIGHT. Pennsylvania's Supreme Court Says It's Constitutional—It Does Not Disfranchise Voters Belonging to the Smaller Parties—It Merely Regulates the Official Ticket.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—A decision was rendered today by the Supreme Court, sustaining the constitutionality of the Baker reform law, passed by the last Legislature. The cases upon which the decision was based were those of DeWalt, appealed from the Lebanon County Court, and Ripley, from the Lackawanna County Court.

THE OLDEST MAN ON EARTH. A Spaniard Living Near Mexico Who Says He Has Lived 124 Years. City of Mexico, May 2.—Probably the oldest person on earth is to be found in the outskirts of this city. Jesus Campeche lives in a hut with his great-grandson, who is a full grown man.

SINGING FOR CHARITY. The Cantata of Belshazzar at the Altin for the Benefit of the Allegheny General Hospital—The Cantata was favorably filled last night when the curtain rolled upon the first act of the dramatic cantata, "Belshazzar."

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. —There will be 53 Sundays in 1892. —Of the foreign merchants in China, only 27 are Americans. —Nearly 40,000 men desert from the German army every 13 months.

TWELVE PAGES AGAINST OVERHEAD WIRES. The announcement that an ordinance has been prepared under the direction of the Mayor and the Chief of the Department of Public Safety for the removal of all overhead wires below Grant street, is welcome news.

WHAT TO WORK FOR. The Chamber of Commerce had an interesting communication before it yesterday advocating increased railroad facilities with the Upper Monongahela valley and stating that such would secure the city \$1,000,000 worth of new trade annually.

NOT THE RIGHT WAY. The House Committee on Appropriations proposes to make a general reduction of the salaries of government employees. This is a pettifoggish false economy which does not economize.

THE MOTIVE FOR THE VARIOUS TESTS. "There is no doubt of the power of the Legislature to regulate elections. Abundance of authority might be cited were it necessary. The test is, whether such legislation denies the franchise or renders its exercise so difficult and inconvenient as to amount to a denial."

THE FAIR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE GERMAN PROTESTANT EVANGELICAL CHURCHES, in Old City Hall, opened yesterday under the most flattering conditions. The ladies who have been working hard for the last three months have succeeded in saying that their work has borne good fruit.

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