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TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1892. TWELVE PAGES. A MUNICIPAL DILEMMA.

The question whether contracts must be submitted to the Mayor for approval before they can be made valid was brought up with new force by Controller Morrow's communication to Councils yesterday.

The logic of the case presented by the Controller comprises an interesting dilemma. Either the making of contracts is an executive function—in which case the Mayor as the chief executive has the power—or it is a legislative act which requires the approval of the Mayor to perfect.

Unprejudiced minds will have no difficulty in recognizing that to accept the power of approval of contracts by the Mayor will erect an additional check on contracts at excessive prices.

Executive Commissioner Farquhar is to be in the city to-day to stir up local men of affairs to a proper sense of their interests in the World's Fair.

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giving the 21-foot waterway project on the lakes so much prominence, before any tangible progress is made in supplying so much more necessary works as the connecting canals.

THE BOULEVARD PROPOSITION. The contemplated ordinance locating the Fifth avenue boulevard from the Allegheny river to Franktown avenue is stated to be the first step for a driveway from Schenley Park to the northeast corner of the city.

THE natural supposition is that the cost of opening and improving this boulevard will be under the street act of last year, assessed on the properties benefited.

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that the responsibility for it rests on the sugar corporation. No one objected to the half-cent duty on sugar which the companies were satisfied with as a legitimate method of business.

ANY business man may adopt in his own affairs whatever system of bookkeeping he has a mind to, no matter how stupid it seems. But on the part of a City Controller, an absence of clear methods of accounting for public funds very easily degenerates into criminal maladministration.

THAT new wall paper trust should be torn down if it is built up. Otherwise it is likely to receive the usual coat of whitewash.

THE funeral service to precede the ordinance arranging for the burial of the wires has been postponed until next Saturday.

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GOOD WORK OF CONGRESS. Two Bills Passed That Mean a Great Deal to American Interests.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—[Special.]—With the race ended and the summer session of the river and harbor bill at hand, there was a large attendance of the House to-day, notwithstanding the interesting fact that a circus was in town.

Two great bills of the session were passed, one in the House and one in the Senate. The river and harbor bill, with its almost unparalled appropriation of \$1,000,000 for 1892 and 1893, and involving a further expenditure of \$20,000,000, passed the House by a two-thirds majority.

THE great bill of the day that was passed by the Senate, which admits the City of New York and the City of New York, the Inman Line, two of the grandest ships on the ocean, to American registry, and opens the line under the American flag, vessels of not less than 10,000 tons, being available for American registry.

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OUR MAIL POUCH. Locomotives Driven by Compressed Air. To the Editor of The Dispatch.

THE first experience of a railway engine man in running a locomotive by compressed air was antedated many years ago by Alexander Holly, the famous engineer.

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SOUTHSIDE CONCERTS. Plans for Freely Summer Night Concerts on Mt. Oliver.—George Henschel and Miss Jenett Weaver.—The General Gossip in Society.

THE Southside is trying to arrange for a series of summer night concerts to be held in that part of the city. It is hoped that arrangements will be made by which concerts can be given every Tuesday evening at the head of the Mt. Oliver incline.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. A very fine grain of sand will cover from 200 to 500 times the human skin.

—A suit has been brought in Buffalo to recover \$5,000 for alienating a boy's affection from his father.

—The microscopeist says that a mosquito has 22 "teeth" in the end of its bill—11 above and 11 below.

—The bones of a young man named E. P. Thomas, Canada, weighed even 2,400 pounds. The total weight of the body, bones and all was six tons.

—The French professor who makes human skulls to order has a rival in the person of a German, Russian dentist, of Moscow, who has a special process of causing false teeth to grow to the gums as firmly as the original ones.

—A German engineer concludes that if the speed instead of the load of freight trains be increased from 12 to 18 miles per hour the expenses per car mile at the higher speed would be 40 per cent less for repairs and only one-fifth more for fuel.

—Black glass was once used for mirrors, as well as transparent glass with some black substance on the back. It is related that the Spaniards found mirrors of polished black wood, fastening them to the center of the natives of South America.

—The costliest dinner set ever made was by Tiffany. Mr. Mackay brought from his mines \$75,000 worth of bullion and this the jeweler set into a dinner service, including \$20,000 for the work, making the cost in all \$95,000, and no sovereign in Europe can afford it.

—It has been shown that the white elm of our bottom lands and groves yields, one year with another, at a very moderate estimate, 200,000,000 seeds.

—The construction, mode of use and the effect of burning glasses was known to the ancients even a full thousand years before the time of Archimedes, who is said to have constructed a burning glass which he used to set on fire the Roman warships as they came to anchor in the Sicilian bay.

—The Chicago papers are boasting that at least 30 different religions will be represented in the "Congress of All Religions" that is to form part of next year's industrial exposition.

—A kind of spider native to South America is remarkable for the great length of its legs and has a very singular method of defending itself. When attacked it gathers its legs into a ball, fastening them to the center of its web, and gyrates with the velocity of a whirligig, so that it appears like a mist on the web, offering no point for the enemy to strike at.

—There was a novel fight the other day near Sunbury, Pa., between a rat and a big blowing viper snake. The rat was bitten on the neck, but the viper covered about 200 feet in its flight, and the rat was not hurt.

—In saw mills using pneumatic pipes for taking away the sawdust it is found that the quantity of dust is less than in the case of a deal of the dust in spite of the air suction. This difficulty has now been overcome in many instances by an invention for admitting the steam of the engine into the pipes, so as to cause it to impinge on the sides and teeth of the saw and thus give it an air-blast.

—Richard Gird is probably the largest individual grower of sugar beets in the world. He has 50,000 acres of ground surrounding Chino, Cal., and this year will have 4,000 acres of it in beets.

—Tribes living on an island near the Philippines take the hand of food of the person whom they salute, and gently rub their faces with it. This is a custom which is most ridiculous and startling attitude—first, bending their bodies very low to the earth, they place their hands on the cheeks and then rub their faces with it.

—An ingenious apparatus for ascertaining the depths of rivers and smaller streams has recently been successfully tried on the Elbe. It consists of a curved arm, hinged at one end to a vertical post, and at the other to the lower curved portion of a float on the bed of the stream.

—Landlady—What do you think of this spring chicken? "Landlady—Think it spring must be as long as that of a Waterbury watch.—Pack.

—Smash the cybals! 'tis the thunder of the booming big bass drums! "Blow 'em, 'tis the summer maiden comes.—N. T. Herald.

—Trivet—Isn't Mr. Chinner a handsome woman? "Dress—Yes, but she isn't as handsome as she is painted.—Judge.

—Gasket—I have decided to marry and settle up. "Dolley—Most people marry and settle down. "Dolley—I am going to marry the rich Miss Roxby and pay my debts.—Detroit Free Press.

—The wild flowers deck the vale and mountain side. "The ambient air perfuming. "And send spring hats, arrayed in beauty's pride. "All are around us blooming.

—The terraced lawn and meadow's emerald floor. "The dandelion speckles. "And pretty maidens will seek the shore. "To gather cups of freckles.