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THE HANDICAP OF DEMOCRACY.

The fight at Minneapolis last week was a family affair, and the indications are that the soreness which grew out of it is pretty well healed. On the other hand, the Democrats have a bitter and deadly feud on which they seem determined to keep in the icebox all summer for fear it may spoil.

USED TO SUCH BLOWS.

Some of our Eastern cotemporaries are representing the action in the House last week as "a blow at the coal combine." Inasmuch as the sole extent of the alleged blow consists of a report of the Committee on Commerce in favor of investigating the combination, it is one of the sort to which that corporate aggregation is fully inured.

A FOREIGN CONCLUSION.

As THE DISPATCH took occasion to predict three years ago, with the rage for turning breweries and wholesale mercantile establishments into syndicates was at its height, the unwary investors who were bitten by that fever are now discovering that there is a radical difference between reports of profits and the actual payment of dividends.

RESCUING THE EXPLORERS.

An expedition will start from St. Johns in a few days to relieve the party of Lieutenant Peary, left on the coast of Greenland within the Polar Circle last year. It is in charge of Prof. Heilprin, the geographer who escorted Peary to his depot a year ago.

THE IMPORTANT POINT.

The Frye bill for refunding the Pacific Railway debt to the government proposes to give the Union Pacific fifty years to pay off the debt at 3 per cent interest, and the Central Pacific seventy-five years at 2 per cent.

is sufficiently illustrated by a couple of examples. The New York World under Joseph Pulitzer, yields a fortune each year; under his predecessor it was a ruinous failure. A. T. Stewart's commercial business, when he was at the head of it, netted him the revenues of a principality; his successor saved the buildings by shutting up the stores.

There are some kinds of business which rest so largely on permanent conditions as to be independent so far as value is concerned of the variations of personal management. A building can hardly be so poorly managed that it will not yield its returns. A railway may be so badly managed that its earning power will be affected; but without absolute robbery it can hardly be so wrecked as not to afford a basis for earnings when it falls under decent management again.

As the interests capitalized under the syndicate fever of two years ago were the subjects of a happy principle of selection of this most unreliable class, the results are correspondingly severe on the investors. But the only wonder is over the prevalence of the ignorance of those principles which permitted the investing public to be so largely bitten.

PROTECTION FROM DAMS.

The proposition for the inspection of dams throughout the State is a natural result of the Cosewagh and Oil creek disasters. It is widely supported and yet its immediate value is very limited by the fact that there is not a line of legislation providing for such a measure of precaution.

THE PROSPECT IS THAT THE ENGLISH CAMPAIGN WILL BE SHORTER THAN THE AMERICAN, BUT IT WILL NOT BE ANY LESS DECISIVE.

As an indication of the attitude of New York on the tariff question, take the result of the attempt of a delegate to the Central Labor Union in that city to commit that body to a resolution that it should not support the tariff.

CORPORATIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS SEASONABLE.

One was chartered at Harrisburg yesterday to supply Pittsburg with heat.

THE IRISH MUST UNITE.

The announcement of Mr. Balfour, in the House of Commons yesterday, that Parliament will be dissolved some time next week indicates that the Cabinet has abandoned its idea of hanging on till next spring.

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THE GREAT SAHARA MAY YET BE LOST.

In the partitioning and parceling out of Africa among the governments of Europe, which is about practically completed, it may be said that the Sahara is the largest and most unproductive of the continent.

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OUR MAIL POUCH.

The Church and Henry VIII. To the Editor of The Dispatch: In a very interesting article in today's Dispatch relating to Henry VIII and the Church of England the writer says: "Nevertheless Henry VIII did take the Pope's name as a matter of course."

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A HOT DAY IN THE METROPOLIS.

The Street Thermometers Register From 96 Degrees to Several Notches Higher. New York, June 13.—(Special.)—Ninety-six degrees Fahrenheit was the air average for the street thermometers here to-day, and some got up to 98 1/2.

The above reason was prompted by an inquiry as to whether or not Henry VIII founded the Church of England, and while the writer of the article referred to does not definitely answer the question according to the latest authorities, he does make a very wide of the mark in making the statement above quoted.

Henry VIII did not found the Church of England, nor did he depose the Pope from the headship of the Church of England. The Pope never had control of the Church of England, and he certainly could not be deprived of that which he never possessed.

Laws enacted in the reigns of Edward I., Edward II., Edward III., and Henry II., serving the spiritual and temporal liberties of the people, show that the Pope was not the head of the English church. The latter was distinct from that of Rome. True, Innocent III. attempted to depose King John, but the English church functions supposed to belong to the Papal system. They did not nominate, elect, or exercise the power of veto; nor depose, nor command nor forbid.

Until the Reformation, the clergy of the Church of England were of two classes—the secular and the monastic. The former were similar to the Church of England, and the latter were similar to the monastic life in parishes with their families. King Edward tried to abolish the latter, and the monastic life was abolished in England.

It looks as if Uncle Jerry were warming up the Republican weather for the Democratic convention at Chicago next week.

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BETWIXT AND BETWEEN.

This is the Season When Society Is Neither Hot Nor Cold—Street Cars Parties a Possible Fall-Lights and Shadows of a Day.

SOCIETY'S pleasures are in an intermediate state at present. They are not of the winter decidedly, nor have yet quite taken the form of a midwinter party. Society always takes its amusements about this time in the East. Indeed, so invariable a rule is it for the owners of pretty grounds, who are more secluded than the metropolitans, to come to the front, that it would nearly be safe to assert that the people entertaining now were entertaining this time last year.

SOME one suggests giving street car parties! And, why not? Street cars can give a pleasant ride through the suburbs that no carriage drive can compare with for speed, comfort and safety.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

Germany has 385 military bands. The great St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, was built from taxes levied on coal.

Next to pork, the banana is said to be the most indigestible thing a person can eat. More than 26,000 persons have been drowned in the State of Connecticut since 1890.

If London streets were put end to end they would reach from that city to St. Petersburg. The revenue collected from last year's ascents to the top of the Eiffel Tower amounted to \$15,000.

Portsmouth, N. H., bears the proud distinction as the place where the first newspaper was established in this country. This was in 1756.

Above the length of 19 or 20 feet, snakes in the Philippine Islands increase greatly in bulk for every foot in length, so that a snake 20 feet long looks small beside one 22 feet long.

It is estimated that 3,000,000 theater tickets are issued in the country every week at 50 cents each. The total sum expended in the purchase of tickets of amusement would amount to \$90,000,000.

The greatest enemy of suburban telephone and electric poles is the woodpecker, whose search for the numerous insects which infest the poles often leaves the pole literally honeycombed.

A Dakota clergyman has sent out an advertisement which reads as follows: "Religious doubts and difficulties answered by Rev. J. H. Morris, 22 years of age and inclose one dollar for reply."

A small cabinet containing an alarm clock and a candle-power lamp, a medical case and a lantern, all operated by electricity, has been invented. It is portable and among the novelties recently devised.

In order to keep sea porgies through the summer, the fishermen of Rhode Island have nets so arranged that the passing eels, which are the porgies' enemy, are in the channels connecting with the ocean are closed.

A restaurant keeper of Chicago was recently committed to an asylum for the insane because of his habit of eating almost entirely upon coffee. During the past three years he has scarcely tasted any kind of solid food.

While capturing a large gar in a river near Volcano, Tex., recently, a fisherman became entangled in his line and was dragged from his skiff by the fish and nearly drowned. In an effort to escape, he cut the line and the gar landed. It weighed 135 pounds.

In one of the Connecticut mines a new water wheel is to be placed which is to run 1,100 revolutions a minute, and have a speed of 1,100 feet per minute. It is the largest water wheel ever built. A greater head of water than has ever before been applied to a wheel will be used.

In a Beatrice (Neb.) court the other day a William Truesdale was granted an absolute divorce from his wife Amelia, on the ground that "she was an incorrigible gossip whose tale-telling propensities rendered life intolerable to him." Truesdale was married in the three years he has lived with his wife she has told 10,000 lies.

A strange case of insanity has recently come to light at Baltimore. The unfortunate patient is Charles H. Morris, 22 years of age and an expert accountant. He has for a long time been known as a man of many eccentric habits, and recently he was taken to a hospital for the insane because of his habit of talking to himself.

A mysterious singer among the nuns of the church of San' Anna in Rome has lately been discovered. She is a young girl named Lucia, who has a voice of an angel. She is said to be the finest soprano in the world, and her music is said to be a revelation of the power of the human voice.

In many out-of-the-way places it has been found that the same structure of the spine on the spot in order to avoid the high rates charged by transportation companies. Such has been the advance in the methods of making this explosive that, with the use of dynamite, through working in a careful watching of the various changes of color, it can be made without fear of serious accident.

It has been discovered recently in England that the same wire can be used simultaneously for telegraphing and telephoning. The discovery has been utilized on the Great Western Railway's line between Exeter and Plymouth. The wire is of 35 miles and it is said that the faintest telephonic sounds are clearly heard over the telegraph line.

More than 20,000 persons visited Shakespeare's birthplace last year. Three-fourths of them inscribed their names in the book of visitors. The book is 9 1/2 inches long, 5 1/2 inches wide and more than half as many as 5,325,000 names. It is strange to observe that only 91 Germans have been recorded in the book. The Germans have more copies of Shakespeare's works every year than probably any other nation.

A stockman of Ferris, Ill., recently returned from a trip to London, and brought with him a stickman full of horned toads. On the morning of his arrival he went to his hotel where he occupied a room with his business partner, and found the stickman full of horned toads. He emptied the bag on his partner's bed and also filled his pocket with them. He was awakened by a knock on his door and took an oath never to drink intoxicants again.

One of the exploits of Sullivan, a professional astronomer, was in London, so that with a rope held in his teeth a young elephant weighing over 1,800 pounds. Another feat was to attach a chain to a 50 pound weight and swing it over his head, and then swing it rapidly around until the chain forms a horizontal line. This feat he made in the presence of a large audience, and his teeth held a link of the chain so that his teeth should relax their hold.

In a village on Long Island, N. Y., a woman who has not been out of bed for years, not from any illness, but because she received a proposal of marriage two months before her death. She was told her husband would go to bed and remain there as long as she lived, and she could easily see that she was one of the best of her kind.

A student from the Cincinnati University recently visited a farm, and on the farm the farmer started to get some potatoes, took the basket from the latter and said he would get them. Half a hour later he returned with the basket empty, saying that he had hunted all over the place and could find nothing but big holes. The student said he was surprised when the farmer took the hoe and began digging the potatoes out of the ground, and he said he thought they grew on the Ytha.

A BUDGET OF HUMOR. Satan—Did you torture him well? Satan—What did you do? Satan—I asked him if it was hot enough? Satan—Yes. I understood the marriage was organized a club? Satan—What do they call it? "Broom-handle or 'rolling-pin