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THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AGAIN.

The bill filed in the Supreme Court yesterday, on behalf of a number of leading citizens, introduces a novel issue in the administration of the law.

Under our cable and electric car system—the pressure upon which will constantly be growing—any sort of parade will soon be a highly risky undertaking in Pittsburgh.

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THE MEANING OF FUSION. In pursuance of its boom for the fusion of the Democrats and People's party in the Northwest, the New York World says:

Exactly. The movement being one which only result, if it has any, is to serve the Democratic cause, there should be no mistake about it.

boom of September, 1891. When the World ponders this fact—also without any reference to the share which a foreign demand has in raising prices—nothing...

NOT VITAL TO THE CELEBRATION. Judge Tourge's indictment of Christopher Columbus as a liar, freebooter, slaver...

It is not necessary to enter into a detailed discussion of the historical evidence in order to settle the question whether Columbus was a liar, freebooter, slaver...

There is no very apparent political significance in the partial eclipse of the sun today. It is not necessary to dissect Columbus' moral character...

AGAIN the trans-Atlantic record has been set by the fast going City of Paris. The calls for a record of more in the efforts of the record-holder's competitors.

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CAMPAIGN NEWS AND COMMENT.

WEST VIRGINIA is not the only border State which the Republicans are hopeful of carrying in the approaching campaign.

THE professional spy Le Caron is out in a series of remonstrances on the way much like a fairy tale as told by President Johnson and the Fenians.

TAMMANY'S supreme control of its minions was clearly indicated by the "excessive laughter" which greeted the query if there were any other names to be offered as competitors to Thomas F. Gilroy's nomination.

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DOINGS OF SOCIETY.

Gifts That Will Thankfully Be Received at the Pittsburg Hospital—Epsworth League Convention Opens To-Day—Yesterday Day of Weddings.

THE Epworth League will hold a training school convention in the Wilkinsburg New E. Church to-day. In the afternoon George V. Kitzinger will deliver an address on "What can laymen do to make the pastor popular?"

A FASHIONABLE wedding took place in Cyclocrama Hall, Allegheny City, last evening. Miss Henrietta Keiserstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keiserstein, became the bride.

MISS ANNA ESTELLE and Mr. Harry Rose, of Allegheny, were married in the presence of their intimate friends yesterday. It was a home wedding.

MISS ELIZABETH H. AULL last evening became the bride of Mr. J. E. Holland, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Aull, East End.

AN early morning wedding took place in St. Augustine Church, Lawrenceville, yesterday. Miss Emma Elizabeth Simonton was the bride.

A MEETING of the ladies will assist on Allegheny day in the fair for the benefit of the Southside Hospital has been called for to-morrow in the North Avenue M. E. Church.

THE next meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Southside Hospital will be held Tuesday at 3 o'clock in the old post office building.

THE BRIGGS CASE AGAIN. Let us not be too hard on the campaign. The Briggs heresy case will likely be his successor.—Washington Post.

CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

New York has 15 national banks. —Socks are darned free at some Indianapolis stores.

—Two hundred Swedes were naturalized at Rockford, Ill., on Friday. —Utah lays claim to a mine of natural shoe-black in Rush Valley, Utah Territory.

—In 1841 each individual consumed 13 ounces of tobacco, in 1891 he consumed 49 ounces.

—The first American flag was unfurled at the camp of the Colonial troops in Cambridge, Mass., on January 1, 1776.

—In the reign of Henry VIII it was enacted that no person should keep above 3,000 acres of land for more than two farms.

—It is one of the peculiar customs of the people of Mashonaland that when twin babies are born they are immediately drowned.

—A rhinoceros has been in the London Zoo for 88 years. It is stated to be the longest mean animal of this kind has lived in captivity in London.

—The Norman-English ladies dressed their hair in two long plaits, and when a party was not liberal, lighthorned the plaits with braids of wool, tow or horse hair.

—In 1840 Europe produced four times as much grain as this country; in 1887, a normal year, the United States produced nearly twice as much grain as Europe.

—News has been received at Liverpool of the arrival at Sierra Leone, West Africa, of a remarkable specimen of the ostrich tribe. It is ten feet high and came from Central Africa.

—One of the most interesting exhibitions in connection with the recent Oriental Congress in London is a collection of tools used by the ancients in building the pyramids of Egypt.

—It is pointed out by a scientist that the world's most precious gems are composed of the commonest substances, the diamond, for instance, being carbon, which is to say, charcoal devoid of impurities.

—The first ice cream vendors in England were Neapolitan pastrymen of the poorest order, but the vendees now come from all parts of Italy, many being natives of the most remote county districts.

—A steamer which lately arrived at New York had a curious passenger on board, a man who had the appearance of a pig, and had lighted on one of the vessel's yards about 100 miles southeast of Nantuxoc, Sicily.

—Among the smallest products of man's constructive talent must now be numbered a teakettle which has been hammered by an ingenious workman from the island of Europe. It is made of tin and contains a small copper coil a little larger than a copper coin.

—Gutta percha was first introduced into Europe from Malacca in 1842. The annual consumption in this country is now about 4,000,000 pounds, and the East Indian trees which supply the demand are diminishing at an alarming rate by the encroachment of the forest.

—The leading theologians of the world, who have been figuring from scriptural and other data for some time, have come to the conclusion that the world is to come to an end at 9 o'clock on the morning of Friday, April 10, A. D. 30.

—Two thousand daily and weekly journals are printed in Paris. This is only a little more than the number of papers printed in the provinces. They are represented by 3,180, Algeria by 123, and the other French possessions by 100.

—About 1430 enormous head dresses came into fashion in England, France and Italy. They had horns standing out from the head sometimes more than three feet long, and the back of the neck depended which floated down the back of the wearer.

—The report of the Flower Girls' Mission states that the trade in cut flowers in London amounts to £5,000,000 a day. Although it includes the profits of the florists, a large amount of this sum still remains to be accounted for by the earnings of the flower girls.

—The increase of silk manufacture since 1880 has been 112.75 per cent in the value of its products, and 42 per cent in the quantity. The average increase in the entire textile industry is 52.5 per cent.

—An electric recorder for registering the output of ore has been installed on the pithead of a Belgian lead mine. Each lead ore delivery is meted out by a small electric actuator, which registers the amount of ore on an electro-magnetic mechanism, and marks a red line on a sheet of paper moved by the rotation of a drum.

—When Madame Blavatsky died it was decided by her chief followers that her ashes should be divided into three parts, one part to go to America, another to India, and the third to be scattered in the East. The division was accordingly made, and the ashes are now in the three continents.

—Within less than a month years the lit crop of world has lost Carlyle (1881), George Eliot (1881), Longfellow (1882), Emerson (1882), Matthew Arnold (1883), Browning (1882), Kingsley (1881), Lowry (1882), William Curtis (1882), Whittier (1882), and Tennyson (1882).

—The restaurant keepers of Vienna have been in the habit of selling the fancy bread of that town on a condition. Instead of taking it from the bakers they have sold it as agents, returning what was left over to the bakers. It is a very interesting business, and the up-to-date bakers are sending them back again.

—The smallest screws in the world are used in the production of watches. The fourth largest screw has 29 threads to the inch, these threads being 4-1000 of an inch in diameter. The screws are too small to count, but in a watch there are about 100,000 of them.

—LIFE'S LITTLE LAUGHS. She—Must you go so soon, darling? It is only 10 o'clock, and father won't object if you stay until 11. He—Yes, my own, but that only gives me two hours in which to say good night.

—The Rev. Mr. Drowsie—By the way, I observed on Sunday last that you got up suddenly and left the church before my sermon was over. It was deeply painful, and I hope you can offer some explanation. Theological Student—Oh, yes; ever since I was a boy I have been a snorer.

—"The good are not always happy." There can be no doubt of this. Because, you know, they are very good. "No, I didn't catch anything all day," said the fisherman; "didn't even get a bite." But at this moment a chariot of fire descended from out of the heavens, and he was borne away to dwell forever with God in heaven.

Mr. X—"I'll have to get a new silk hat; this one has served its time." Mr. Y—"How come you can get one cheap? Old times wants to take a hat on the election." Mr. X—"Why does it want to be?" Mr. Y—"It wants to be very 'skilled in the trade.' Mr. X—"I know where I can get a hat cheaper than that."

Amateur Actress (who intends to adopt the stage as a profession)—No, Mr. Keramith, I cannot marry you, nor any man; it would interfere with my career. Mr. Keramith (who has just learned that she was a divorcee)—No, you! "That's strange, 'is very strange!'" so X complains. "That I so seldom meet of a man of brains," "Poor X—"Is melancholy, yet 'tis true. That man of brains avoid a chat with you.

Budweiser—Have you seen the new pictorial sub-sequens camera? "Barbed wire, that's it!" "Budweiser—To photograph the Red Sox that get away."

She—And are you sure you will like married life as you do your cat? He—Yes, my dear. She—Are you a strictly fond of your own life? He—Not very.