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THE ANTI-SMOKE REPORT.

The report of the Committee of the Engineers' Society on the smoke question, a summary of which appears in our local columns, is a carefully prepared and authoritative review of the whole subject which ought to produce material results.

The report shows that devices now in actual operation can abolish the greater part of the smoke now produced from steam boiler furnaces. It also states a fact new to most of the public, that steam jets for the consumption of smoke in puddling and heating furnaces have been used in a rolling mill of this city for over a year with good results as to reduction of smoke and quantity of fuel.

But what we do not want is ignorance, thriftlessness, criminal dispositions, anarchy or diseases. The proportion of these qualities in the recent immigration shows the need for a regulation which takes into consideration the quality rather than either the quantity or the extraneous conditions of the immigrants.

It is not well to throw aside all the principles which have made this country great. Sober, industrious immigration has done too much for the nation to be subjected to a sweeping and indiscriminate prohibition.

It seems that Mr. Platt's charging of the defeat in New York to Mr. Chauncey M. Depew was more than the effort of humor that Mr. Depew affects to regard it. He thinks that the people did not relish being instructed as to the manner in which they should vote.

There may be some truth in this view; but whatever fact there is in it must be regarded as ex post facto wisdom. If Mr. Platt has realized the danger of putting the Republican party before the people as the party of the corporations in time to correct that tendency his perception of the fact might have had some political value.

There is no better way to convince the people of the necessity for demanding that men of character and ability be put in high legislative positions.

A remarkable example of the prejudice which can govern popular ideas on the subject of criminal justice is afforded by an indignation meeting held in Merchantville, New Jersey, the other day over the discharge of Lingo, who had been accused of the murder of Mrs. Miller.

Nothing, surely, can be more conducive to a healthy enjoyment of wholesome victuals than to journey home after a tiring day on a car loaded with two or three times the number of passengers it can seat.

It is appropriate that an indignation meeting of that sort should wind up with a threat of lynch law. The stupidity and prejudice which inspire the determination to hold a friendless man guilty, no matter whether he is proved innocent or not, is the fundamental sentiment of lynch law.

REGULATION, NOT PROHIBITION.

The movement for a further restriction of immigration is reported to be assuming shape. The New York Chamber of Commerce has taken an ultra position by urging upon Congress the total exclusion of all immigrants.

That Chamber of Commerce banquet in New York last night must have been a regular love feast, with no distinction in dishes for victors or vanquished.

PERNICOUS activity on the part of railroads in procuring wrecks may always be expected to provide the country with reading matter of interest when there is any kind of a fall in other quarters.

NOTWITHSTANDING the result of the election Ohio means to have more McKinley right away. One O. McKinley has been appointed State Secretary of the Farmers' Alliance.

MODERN heresy seems mainly to consist in the rejection of a common sufficient to produce the expressions of a man's opinions on religion, when he is in the minority of the denomination he belongs to and does not wish to leave it.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

—Columbus discovered turtle soup. —The city of London covers 687 square miles. —Most papers in Germany are owned and edited by the government.

—The drama was introduced into Rome B. C. 344 to allay a plague. —A full-grown elephant is capable of carrying a load of two tons. —The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were terraces planted with trees.

—The St. Louis new water tower is said to be the highest in the world. —An electric cigar-lighter and an electric refrigerator are two late inventions. —The first advertisement in a regularly printed newspaper was inserted in 1624.

—The saloons of London, if set side by side, would reach a distance of 73 miles. —Flowing water has been struck at Helena, Montana, at a depth of 1,024 feet. —Most of the Roman walls were prepared by boiling and nearly resembled our cordials.

—Europe has 50,000 match factories, and they yearly produce matches valued at \$50,000,000. —There are 72 places called St. Etienne in France, and 30 towns called Washington in America. —The Kittitas Valley Canal, in Washington, will be 82 miles long and irrigate 120,000 acres.

—Pearls worth \$50,000 were in three years' time, during the last century, taken from the long-tailed of hot water fountains in the island of Java. —The city of Paris, and are meeting with deserved success. —In 1670 the actresses always came before the scenes when not needed on the stage, and flirted with their acquaintances in the audience.

—A resident of Jacksonville, Fla., claims to have a race horse foaled in North Carolina in 1863, and, if alive, it will be run at the forthcoming race in that city. —On a clear night a red light can be seen at a greater distance, it is said, than a white light, while on a dark night, it is claimed, the result is just the reverse. —In suburban districts where the roads are good it is not remarkable to see children going to school on bicycles; girls as well as boys. —Marschling is distilled from cherries, the fruit and seeds being crushed together. The most delicate is made from a black Dalmatian cherry, very bitter and unpalatable.

—In 1697 the English had potatoes, tulip roots, spinach, cabbages, artichokes, coleworts, beets, asparagus, carrots, turnips, truffles, beans, cucumbers, onions, lettuce and cress. —The most famous wooden bridge was built at Senefshausen in 157, by Grubenhorst. It was 1,000 feet long and 12 feet wide, and was supported by 157 wooden arches with spans of 150 and 172 feet respectively. —In India and South America there is a small tree known as the "sorrow tree," which bears a fruit that is said to be a "bloom only in the night time and fall off at the break of day." —According to Scandinavian legends the swallow hovered over the cross, singing "Hail to thee, Christ, who hastenest hence; hence it received the name of swallow, or "the bird of consolation." —A gymnastic society was lately suppressed by the City Council of Vienna for adopting the colors of the German Empire for its emblem and passing a resolution to admit no foreigners except Germans to membership. —A gold throne, of the value of \$2,500,000, is to be presented to the Pope by the united subscriptions of all the Roman Catholic cathedrals in the world. It is to be given to His Holiness on the occasion of his 85th birthday. —The best example of a stone bridge in the United States is the high bridge of the Croton aqueduct. Its length is 1,400 feet, the top of the parapet 165 feet above high water, and it has 100 arches, eight of which have an 80-foot span. —The early Christians, to manifest their dislike of pagan vanity in the effeminacy of long and curling hair and carefully cultivated beards, shaved their heads and kept their hair cropped close. In the time of Tertullian this was the mark of the Christian. —A successful trial was made on the Erie Canal, at Lockport, N. Y., a few days ago, of a full-sized canal boat equipped with two revolving water wheels running like over-shoot water wheels in air-tight recesses cut in the bottom of the boat, a little forward of the stern. —It is claimed that the first pig iron in this country was successfully made at Colebrookdale, this State, about 1725. The old furnace built in 1730 by the late master, Thomas Potts, is still standing in an excellent state of preservation and is now known as the Potts furnace. —Of the 110,000 species of flowering plants upon this globe the total number of those utilized by man to any considerable extent, either for food or in the arts, does not quite reach 1 per cent. When the flowers plants are taken as a whole the percentage becomes very much smaller. —The Duc de Moray, distinguished as an amateur photographer, has given to the French War Office a process by which paper photographs can be made in a minute at a trifling expense. Soldiers' certificates of service and character may be taken in a similar manner. —French chemists have demonstrated that it is possible to produce heat without fire, and the discovery is to be utilized on the railways and street cars of the country. It is a method of heating a coal fire by the space of five or six inches. —A shrewd scheme to make tardy subscribers pay up has been invented by an American editor. Whenever a delinquent subscriber is mentioned in his paper, the editor's name is printed in a conspicuous place, and the subscriber is asked to pay up and his name is removed from the list. —It was the first game of football he had ever seen. He had heard the names of the different positions, and when they lined up he exclaimed: "Oh, what a lovely middie man he played and the great low man gave him a good rap that he could hear his bones rattle all over the field." —AT NEW HAVEN. —"What made that youth so angry?" "I asked him if he went to school here." "Well, why should that have made him so?" "The teacher!" —"I ought to have said college, I suppose." —AN ADAGE DISCOVERED. —"One half of the world does not know what the other half is doing," thoughtfully remarked the speaker. —"That saying won't go in this country after a little," said Dick. —"By!" —"The Democratic hall will know full well that the other half is hunting a job." —AT THE THEATRE BOULEVARD. —What kills that fellow standing there?" "He's a man who has been struck by lightning." —He's with his girl and has forgotten his theater tickets.