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TERMS OF THE DISPATCH. POSTAGE FREE IN THE UNITED STATES. DAILY DISPATCH, One Year, \$10.00. DAILY DISPATCH, One Month, \$2.00.

TWELVE PAGES. THE CITY'S INTERESTS. Yesterday's meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce was of a highly important nature.

Colonel Roberts' resolution asking for the establishment of a River Commission to look after the interests of the Mississippi and its tributaries is a wise one.

Yesterday was a fair specimen of the days for which Pittsburgh was characteristic in former times.

While the hill-tops and surrounding country were enjoying clear skies and bracing air, the down-town section was shrouded in gloom and darkness.

Such a demonstration of our smoke as that of yesterday should unite the whole population in the effort to get rid of it by every means consistent with industrial prosperity.

THE MORE CHY THAN HURT. The question whether the new Senators from half a dozen States shall be Republican, Democratic or People's party assumes the usual features of partisan contests.

It is perfectly justifiable for the party men on either side to guard the party interests. But it is not worth while to get wild about it, or to shout fraud in advance.

that anything will be stolen this year by either Republicans or Democrats. The element of a third party makes such achievements very difficult.

THE FIRST PLATFORM. To the Citizens' Industrial Alliance due the credit of being the first in the field with a platform for the February city election.

The Industrial Alliance has several excellent plans in its platform—notably those which call for "city employees to be separated from all political influences by civil service laws rigidly enforced."

CONFLICTING REPORTS. Intimations are heard from circles supposed to be authoritative with regard to the Catholic Church, that Mgr. Satelli is to be recalled by the Pope for his address on the school question.

THE THIRD PARTY QUESTION. The summary of results claimed by the leaders of the People's party as the fruit of their agitation includes one million votes for the Weaver electors.

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REV. WALTER S. RUDOLPH, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Denver, has severed his church relations because he cannot consistently profess the doctrine of endless punishment.

THE FRACTIONAL SIDE OF IT. Omaha World-Herald. The monetary question. Can you settle that little bit to-day?

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MR. WANAMAKER ROASTED. For Excluding a Trade Paper From the Mails White Campaign Documents Co. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—In the House to-day Representative Amos Cummings offered for reference a resolution relating to an editorial in the New York Sun of the 30th ultimo, headed "Outrage by the Postoffice."

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CHARITY ON THE STAGE. A Theatrical Performance to be Given for the Benefit of the West Penn Hospital—Students Traveling in Style—The Gospel of Society.

THE arrangements for the forthcoming benefit performance for the West Penn Hospital are being pushed forward by the ladies in charge of the matter. There was a meeting yesterday afternoon, at the Y. M. C. A. room, of the ladies.

THE musical organizations of Princeton will take a trip West during the Christmas vacation. The tour will embrace all the large cities of the West.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS. —Doller plates are electrically welded. —The United States chewed 85 tons of tobacco last year.

—Thirteen hens in Niles, Mich., laid 1,159 eggs last year. —Nero, the Roman Emperor, kicked his wife, Poppo, to death.

—The cocoon of a well-fed silkworm, it is said, will often yield a thread 1,000 yards long, and one has been produced which contained 1,205 yards.

—The distance of the earth from the sun is about 92,000,000 miles. The average distance of the moon from the earth is about 238,000 miles.

—The Chinese make what is called "ch'ia-ih," or grass cloth, from the fiber of the common nettle. It is said to make a splendid cloth for tents, awnings, etc.

—A male gorilla (Gorilla cina) has lately been adopted by the Berlin Aquarium. He is larger than any gorilla that has yet been brought to Europe.

—Owing to the heavy gales which have prevailed this fall the catch of whelks has been very small. Only 100 lbs. were secured by Superintendent Wires, of the United States fish hatchery in Alpena, Mich.

—The foxiest writers of the day. Have many tried to get the most of them, it takes a heap of sand. But the nervous one of all the lot is the one who writes verse to skip like this.

—If you are hungry, boss, don't put me down for those banana cakes. "Why not?" "Because they'll stirkin clean out of sight."

—The woman with the new seal skin boots is just as anxious for cold weather as the plumber. TWO CUBS FOR HAPPINESS. Trilixie, little Trilixie is happy as can be.