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ACCORDING to the Philadelphia Press, "the sidewalks belong to the people and it is an infringement of their rights as well as a short-sighted policy on the part of the property owners themselves to place any obstruction in the way of their free use."

QUEEN VICTORIA.

From the point of view of an American republican it has long been a mystery that modern England should find anything to grow enthusiastic over in the personality of the harmless old lady who charges it something like \$10,000,000 a year for the privilege of having herself and relatives occupy its royal palaces, and sit in non-productive, power-shorn thrones, upon an obsolescent throne. Just why, upon the merits of the case, the 300 pounds of common humanity whom we call Queen Victoria, and who is surpassed in intellect, kindness, achievements and personal beauty by uncounted thousands of her own so-called subjects should command the absurd reverence with which her name is invested in the greatest nation of modern times, our own possibly excepted, the average democrat is utterly at a loss to imagine; unless, indeed, it be due to the mere momentum of long-practiced habit and to the traditions of a monarchy that was indisputably glorious in its day and generation.

The exquisite ludicrousness of this whole serio-comic royalistic farce in which a queen, robbed of power, pretends yet to exercise God-granted authority; and in which a woman is represented as the culmination of feminine graces who, in real fact, is about as awkward, puffy, and shambling a specimen of good-matured feminine humanity as one could anywhere find, was best lately heightened by the diverting anaerostomism with which the "queen," by the grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, and empress of India sought to convey a snub to William Ewart Gladstone. Since the day when the gad fly tried to annihilate the ox by a glance, there has been witnessed no more curious distortion of prerogative, no more touching incomprehension of proportions, than was shown in Victoria's stultified neglect to express regret for the resignation of the commoner who for sixty continuous years had shed upon English politics, English scholarship, English belles lettres and English theology a lustre beside which the combined effulgence of all the Gospels from the fatigued old George of Hanover down to the present ruler and the worthless heir presumptive, were but less than a rush light beside a blazing planet.

This querulous simper of queenly dislike has been very properly treated with entire indifference by both Mr. Gladstone and his friends. The good will of a monarch who could fairly slobber praises over such a peer as Lord Salisbury, than whom England has never had a more thoroughly disliked premier, would be too clearly devoid of discrimination to add one iota to Mr. Gladstone's renown, just as her ill will is of too infinite unimportance to detract from it in the slightest. But the incident suffices to remind Americans as to the supreme disproportion that exist under a form of government in which the greatest statesman, scholar and sage in the English speaking world is nominally under subjection to, and must take slight from, a stout-faced old woman who has never, during all her life, done so much as the hint of a real service to the public, thought so much as the suggestion of a great thought for the benefit of posterity or achieved, in any direction, anything more consequential than the drawing of a phenomenal list of salaries, pensions and emoluments with unflagging punctuality and despatch.

AND THE WORST of it is, Breckinridge was plenty old enough to know better.

IF ATTORNEY GENERAL HENSEL can in any legal manner stiffen the back bones of the Stroudsburg authorities so as to bring those lynchers to justice he will be heartily applauded for doing it. The confession of a Stroudsburg correspondent that the people of that borough do not want the lynchers caught reveals a polluted condition of public morals for which Monroe county should be thoroughly ashamed.

CONTENT OF COURT, which takes the form of mob murder, deserves a doubly drastic dose of judicial reprimand.

STEAM AND AIR TRANSIT.

The Pittsburg Dispatch, in noting the recent death of Hon. John Torrey, of Honesdale, recalls the suggestive fact that Mr. Torrey was "the last but one of the survivors of those who rode on the Stroudsburg Lion, the first locomotive that ever turned a driving wheel on the American continent, on the occasion of its trial trip on the Delaware and Hudson Canal company's track at Honesdale, Aug. 9, 1829. The engineer was Horatio Allen, who died at South Orange, N. J., a year or two ago. John Torrey and Otis Avery stood by the engineer's side during that memorable and historic trip on the pioneer of locomotives in the country. Otis Avery, formerly an associate judge of Wayne county, still lives in Honesdale, the last survivor of that trip."

The progress spanned by the life time of Judge Avery, particularly in the direction of quick, cheap and convenient transportation, would seem incredible if related in a work of fiction. Inasmuch as Judge Avery is still in rugged health, it seems not improbable to suspect that he may yet be permitted to journey in the pioneer air ship when the problem of aerial navigation shall be solved, as it probably will, in the near future. And if it be not premature, we beg leave to suggest the propriety of inviting the judge to take this trip, confident as we are that it will be a realized fancy within a few years at most. Nothing would better symbolize the amazing readiness, fecundity and ingenuity of Americans in mechanical invention than this linking of the birth of steam transit with the birth of aerial flight.

THE HOOD in Scranton must be kept from appropriating the sidewalks.

ATTORNEY C. H. SOPER'S aversion to foot ball, and his indignation at having been incorrectly named as one among those interested in the formation of a professional eleven in this city, form entertaining incidents of this vociferous spring time. There are several hundred able gentlemen in America, although possibly not as able as our friend Soper, who do not share his distinguished repugnance in this matter; but we do not wish to convey the impression that his name is therefore to be taken in vain. If he does not regard participation in outdoor athletics as creditable, it is his right to believe that it is discreditable. This happy fact also preserves to the legal profession, as an exclusive possession and an abiding joy, one of its glittering local ornaments.

NOW THAT Mike Kelly has signed with Allentown, perhaps the accoutrements of the spheres will be permitted to move on.

MR. DUGGAN'S OPINION.

In an interview in last evening's Truth, Burgess Duggan of Dunmore dexterously defends his right to act simultaneously as borough attorney, or solicitor. The ingenuity with which he interprets the acts of May 15, 1874, and of May 23, 1893, so as to leave out of the question the impropriety of such a double tenure does greater credit to his skill as a legal fence than to his sincerity as a reformer. It fairly recalls some of the remarkable expositions of municipal law to which Scrantonians were treated in a certain period now happily ended.

But if it is the intent of the act of May 15, 1874, to prevent a double tenure of borough offices—and now, we believe, disputes this—it is obviously merely a shifty juggling with technicalities to argue that the borough attorneyship is not a borough office, or, as Mr. Duggan calls it, only a mythical one. Whatever this office may be, as regards the working of this particular statute, it is obviously a very influential office in actual practice; and one that carries with it palpable weight in the determination of municipal procedure.

Any one with a lofty spirit of fairness and propriety would instantly see the impropriety of a burgess going to himself in his official capacity as a borough attorney and asking himself what he would advise himself to do touching a given question of official conduct. If for instance, Mayor Connelley were also to arrogate to himself the official functions of City Solicitor Torrey, and were, as mayor, to go to himself as city solicitor, for an opinion whereby to govern his course in the majority, it would not be one particle more absurd than the double barreled prerogative claimed by the burgess-borough-attorney of Dunmore.

We do not believe there is a court in Pennsylvania which would uphold Mr. Duggan's interpretation.

JUDGE RICE'S decision in favor of setting legal advertisements at the public expense in obscure attorneys' papers will be appealed to the supreme court. If the law is as Judge Rice interprets it, then the law is in need of a vigorous spring tonic.

THE EXTREMED Philadelphia Times admits that, with respect to population, area, push and fire, Scranton has the lead over Reading, but it contends that Reading is best in the line of manufactures, and adds:

Census figures give Reading 12,967 employees in industries that paid \$3,491,293 in 1891, while Scranton must be content with 9,137 employees whose wages aggregated \$4,270,012. These are Mr. Porter's figures, it is true, and Mr. Porter is usually wrong in his bulletins, but Reading finds something to talk about in them and is correspondingly happy. The citizens of Scranton on the subject is quite marked.

But what is there to say? Reading's average wage per man, according to the foregoing statistics, is only \$121.29, whereas that of Scranton is \$169.23. Why, then, should Reading boast?

WHAT WITH electrical companies grabbing our streets and curb lines, and penurious property owners building monstrosities on our sidewalks, the great majority of our citizens will soon begin to wonder where they are at.

PROTECT THE SIDEWALKS.

An ordinance has just been passed by the city council of Louisville which has particular pertinency in view of many audacious encroachments upon the rights of the people in this city. This ordinance requires property owners, under severe penalties, to remove all things whatsoever that obstruct the sidewalks, whether low awnings, cellar doors, carriage steps, awning poles or nameless conglomerations of vicious scaffolding and aggravating masses of brick, stone and mortar.

There is a sentiment in Louisville that the sidewalks belong to the public, and are not the personal property of the close-lipped property owner who coolly appropriates them to his own selfish uses. We believe that this sentiment prevails, also, in Scranton; but from the manner in which this is defied in one or two conspicuous instances the casual visitor to our city might be inclined to doubt it. In the majority of cases it would not be necessary to call public attention more than once to the existence of a nuisance such as several that could be pointed out in this city. Few of our citizens, we are happy to state, boast the thickness of moral hide which would lead them to defy the unanimous opinion of respectable pedestrians.

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HELP ON THE WORK.

Troy Times.
The newspapers throughout the country have done good work for the cause of liberty and justice in this city, and still there is a cry from Macelonta "come and help us." The agencies of evil are strongly entrenched, and only by a herculean effort can they be dislodged. The people everywhere are interested in the struggle, and the press can aid them giving all the facts as they develop, with explanation of their relation to the situation. Especially is it necessary that the actions of Governor Flower should be shown in their true light. He is trying to pose as the friend of the people, all the time his ear is turned to catch the orders of the Troy machine—practically, an automaton worked by string-six miles up the river from the capitol. He is playing a confidence game upon the people, and only as the newspapers sift the truth from the falsehood and capably present it will the public be able to give accurate judgment. The contest now on in this city is of more than local importance. It is a struggle for the triumph of a great national principle, and defeat would be a serious blow at the integrity of the ballot box, the final arbiter in the affairs of a free and intelligent people. Good citizenship everywhere is interested, and it can help on the cause by a prompt and free expression of its opinion.

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