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COXEY CANNOT be made a martyr. He is merely an ass.

Scientific Brigandage.

The battle of envy and hate which those who fall in life invariably wage against those who succeed has enlisted the support of another truckling politician who sees in it a new chance to become notorious and incidentally to 'make hay' of his own.

This bill, it will be seen, puts into cold type the miscellaneous longings of those less courageous reformers who politely dabble in socialism and bewail growing accumulations of wealth, but who draw back in sensitive horror when asked to face the logic of their dissonant as it is practically exemplified in bomb-throwing anarchists or cut-throat burglars.

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the ground very thoroughly, concluded that: Whatever may be the hard earned privileges of women, they have no political freedom here; they cannot choose their makers nor their assessors, consequently women who own property, as well as women who have no property, are equal sufferers. Women are not only taxed without representation, but when a man dies the valuation of the real property left to the widow and children is at once raised. All lawyers know this to be a fact, and the willow has no redress; she has no personal representation, as she would have in case she owned railway stock. Also, all else except the fact of sex being equal, in industrial activities her work is not in the ordinary occupations, paid for as well or in the same ratio as man's work. In the great number of church societies that women make possible, her voice is not heard; in educational and sanitary matters connected with public schools, women are not consulted as they should be; in the state reformatories occupied by both sexes, women have no recognized power to enforce needed changes, nor to remedy abuses; in the legislature, the most great petitions of women to the "age of consent" law for young girls fall on deaf ears; the plain rights of women and children—the home in fact—are not granted when the question of temperance arises at Albany, and men accused of crime are often tried before juries of ignorant men instead of their peers, as would be just. Yet in spite of these crying evils under which women suffer, there remains a few women of the small sheltered class who are willing to hang their gilded chains and protest against any extension of privileges and duties and progress. It is a deplorable sight to witness.

The amazing thing about this whole discussion, though, is not the fact that there should be a divergence of wishes among women themselves, as to the use of the ballot, but that there should anywhere be dissent to the imposition of a fair educational test, whose provisions should apply to either sex and to all classes alike. The course of the New York constitutional convention with reference to this most important of current political problems will it is almost unnecessary to add, be watched with a profound interest.

LOUIS ROSEBERG'S government has emerged triumphant from another crisis that was confidently predicted would mean its dissolution. The truth probably is that common sense is stronger in England than most persons give England credit for.

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the tribe that gave to America liberty and independence. This is her life to renew. It is enough. Eternal dignity and heavenly grace dwell upon the brow of the blessed mother, nor burnished gold nor sculptured stone nor rhythmic praise could add one jot of title to her classic glory. She was simply a private citizen. No sovereign's crown rested on her brow. She did not lead an army, like Joan of Arc, or slay her enemies like Charlotte Corday. She was not versed in letters or in arts. She was not an angel of mercy, like Florence Nightingale, nor the consort of a hero, like the mother of Napoleon. Yet there were 10,000 Mary Washingtons among the mothers of the Revolution, and in honoring her we honor the motherhood of her heroic days.

It is possible to derive from these two extracts a wholesome answer to the question: "What is woman's mission?"

STATE POLITICS IN BRIEF.

It is said that Walter Lyon counts upon getting the support of the Dauphin delegation, but this does not coincide with the representations made by the Harrisburg papers, which have contended all along that Republican sentiment there is overwhelmingly for Robinson. In order not to prejudice the chances of Lyman D. williamson, it is said no light will be made on either side; but Robinson, it is believed, will nevertheless poll the Dauphin votes.

Among yesterday's visitors to Scranton was Editor McCarthy, of the Hazleton Sentinel, who, in addition to editing a good paper, supervises a ready plate plant, runs a lithographing establishment, conducts several information bureaus and acts, upon occasions, as a general dispenser of good will. Mr. McCarthy is enthusiastic, just at present, over the political outlook in Luzerne and in confidence, among other things, that when William H. Lines is retired to private life the name of his successor will be Stewart John Leisegang.

Beaver county Republicans have recommended Judge Wickham, which was not a bad thing to do, and there is talk of the Democrats endorsing him, upon the ground of non-partisanship. No inferior jurist in the state ranks higher than he in the estimation of his fellow citizens and of the discerning jurymen of the commonwealth. The citizens of Beaver county would confer honor upon themselves by re-electing him without opposition.

A clever thrust is scored by the Philadelphia Press when it discusses the Republican congressional outlook in Luzerne county that among those mentioned as candidates for the nomination, notably John R. Leisegang, Daniel Coxe and Alvin Markle, "there is not one who would talk, one who would carry a bill and another." The workmen whom Mr. Lines' wave duplicitly has thrown out of employment will readily perceive the point.

Some curiosity has been expressed among friends of Senator Clarence W. Kline, of Hazleton, that he should have made no public declaration as to his own opinion regarding the nomination of William H. Lines. This was expressed by the knowledge that at one point in the preliminary canvass it would have been a comparatively easy thing for Mr. Kline to have secured a formidable following; and that he was a possibility of whom the present member from the Twelfth would in unusual fear. This anxiety is now explained on the ground that Senator Kline felt obliged to continue, in the state senate, the effort to secure the creation of the new county of Erie, for which purpose, more than any other, he was regarded as a possible ally. Besides, his congressional term will keep.

The Philadelphia Inquirer makes injudicious use of its editorial column when it intimates that Judge Clayton's victory in Luzerne was a personal triumph for Jack Robinson. As a friend of the latter it might be perceived that such a coloring of the situation is calculated to prejudice Mr. Robinson's standing for the next gubernatorial campaign. Mr. Robinson's attitude during the Clayton-Johnson fight was one of strict neutrality. The methods he employed in the campaign were entirely fair and just, and he is to be congratulated for his conduct in this regard.

The appointment of George Labrecht to the Hazleton postmastership was a happy solution to an embarrassing tangle. Among the last changes more especially, it was realized that one would have to be chosen or else all would have to be drawn back in effect, and lack favored Labrecht. Inasmuch as he is an editor and a scholar, the outcome ought to be accepted with satisfaction. Lines had nothing to do with it, but that because Lines has lost caste with the dispenser of postal pie.

Rather the best comment on the Clayton victory that we have seen is made by the Norrisville Herald. It says: "Without passing any judgment upon the merits or demerits of Judge Clayton, it may not be out of place to observe that it is to be regretted that a judge should feel himself at liberty to enter into a discreditable contest of this kind for a re-nomination. Had he course upon the bench been what the public have a right to expect, dignified, honorable and fair, he should have been re-nominated without any such ignominious contest, as the one just closed. Failing to produce such an impression upon the public he ought to have been retired and allowed some one else to have been selected. A contest of this character must necessarily have the effect of impairing the respect that should be felt for a man in that position. Either he should have been chosen by common consent, refusing to descend to the methods of ordinary politicians, or he should have abandoned the field, trusting to the future to vindicate his honor and to show that he had been unjustly condemned."

Not a Year for Storeheads. Philadelphia Press. Considerable attention is still given to the nomination of a western candidate for congressman-at-large, but George F. Huff, of Westmoreland, can be regarded as safely out of the woods. The contest of the canvass has been altogether creditable, and no one can complain of unfair treatment. The stories that Mercer county Republicans were to lead a riot if Major McJannet were not re-nominated do not turn out to have any substance in them. The fact is, the Mercer county Republicans generally are not excited over the matter and have nothing to complain of. They are represented in the very important appointment of cashier of the state treasury, and expect next year to have the nominee for treasurer.

Got Away Safely with the Swag. Philadelphia Press. Richard Croker is resigning between plunder and prosecution. He has the plunder. He seeks to avoid prosecution.

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Child was saved, but where was Jim? With flaming lanterns they looked for him, While the people trembled and held their breath— "Under the engine, crushed to death!" There, in the dust and grime, he lay— Jim! "He had given his life away! Not much need for their tears for him!" —Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

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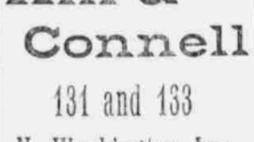
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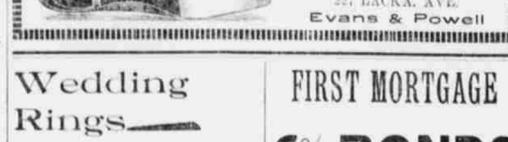
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